

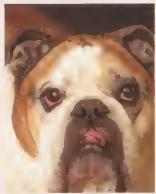
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Portrait of a bulldog



Hello! My name is George. Many of you don't know me, but I am probably the most important aspect of this school. Without me you're not the "Crown

Point Bulldogs." I was crowned Prince George in 1962. I bring the battle cry "V-i-c-t-o-r-y" to all of the sporting events, and I've recently come out of retirement to again assume the duties of a Crown Point Bulldog. Over the summer, a group of people decided that a true Bulldog should represent College, Career, Citizenship, Creativity, Courage, and Culture. I also think that I should be my cute adorable self and continue to have spirit, pride, and my mighty strength. Go Dogs!



Shelly Zmuda- Creativity



Lindsey Wacnik- College



Ticket to Ride Incentive- Citizenship

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Ryan Santelik- Courage



Blake Zolfo- Culture



Katrina Hoernig- Career

the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation 2000). The prevalence of mental health problems has increased in the general population, and the incidence of mental health problems has increased in the prison population.

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the mental health needs of prisoners. The Department of Health (2000) has published a strategy for mental health services, which includes a commitment to improve the mental health of prisoners. The Department of Health (2000) has also published a strategy for mental health services, which includes a commitment to improve the mental health of prisoners.

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MARCUS SHREWSBURY (12): While attending the pep rally, Shrewsbury cheers for the seniors in the bike race. "The best thing about going to Crown Point was being able to see Greg Schillo and Chris Lakich's beautiful, shining faces every day, and all the pride the students had for the school," he said. The pep assembly was held for the homecoming football game played against the Chesterton Trojans. PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

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KAITLIN CANNON (12): The varsity cheerleaders drive in their decorated car as the traditional Homecoming Parade begins. "My favorite part was decorating the cars with streamers and posters. I was really proud to have cheered all four years of high school. Being in the parade for the last time was bitter sweet," she said. Kaitlin and the other cheerleaders followed the dance team in the parade. PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

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Citizenship was defined and earned when a student completed all of his community service hours. "To me, citizenship meant that one must act to the

best of his ability to protect his rights and the Constitution by acting to the best of his ability," senior Nikkole Stagowski said. Nevertheless, the Creativity ticket was earned when students were involved and participated in clubs. "America was built on creativity from remote controls, to cars, to a cylinder can of chips. Without creativity, our nation wouldn't be as awesome as it is," senior Trevor St. Aubin said. The Courage ticket was for students who completed an athletic season, and the Culture ticket was earned for students who participated in fine arts' groups. Overall, students enjoyed the Ticket to Ride Program. "I think that rewarding our students was a great idea, from Student of the Week, to winning a car," St. Aubin said. He also added, "School wasn't the most motivational place, but you throw a car in the picture and we got excited, like a fat kid when he smells cake." Teachers were involved with the program as well with the Teacher of the Week. The "Traveling George" was presented to them along with the honor of being acknowledged as an exceptional teacher. The Portrait of a Graduate and the success of the six "C's" brought students, teachers, and administration together to strive for the best.

Albert Einstein said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." Every action has an equal and opposite reaction. For every minute spent sitting in a chair learning; Students matched it by pouring copious amounts of energy and school spirit into their daily lives before, during, and after school. From singing the school's fight song at the pep rallies to decorating for the dances, creativity was implemented in everything students did. Creativity in the styles and trends of the student body, in the creative classes students took. "Art gave me an opportunity to use my creativity to do something I enjoyed," senior Andy Bocanegra said. Students used their artistic, creativity in making the decorations for the Homecoming dance which brought emotion and magic to the night.

"Creativity was one of the most important things to nurture in a student. I have had the pleasure of watching students use their imaginations and creativity enrich their lives for the past twenty-eight years," Art Department Chair, Donna Pancini said.

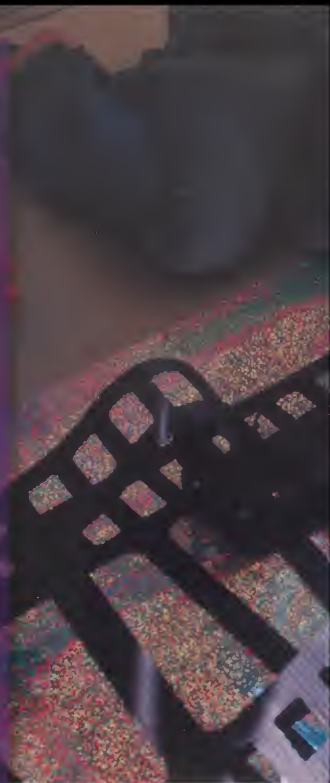


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firstday

Students cheer on their new principal as they are introduced to the 6 C's and the "Ticket to Ride" program. PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI

summerstories



underwater

Student Lindsey Wacnik (11) and former teacher Mrs. Ruff explore the sea on the Marine Biology trip. "My favorite part of the trip was snorkeling," Wacnik said.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MRS. BEACH



waterfalls

Students Braden Schuster (12) and Bradley Hiller (12) enjoy a beautiful waterfall in Costa Rica. "It was something I'd only expect to see in movies," Hiller said.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MRS. KEILMAN



kayacktrip

Students Kaitlin Vass (11) and Tyler Dillon (11) kayak through the waters of Costa Rica. "It was calming and soothing, yet terrifying at the same time," Dillon said.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MRS. KEILMAN

Back₂ Business

When the new year came around, students got revved up over new incentives to succeed.

Coming back to school after summer can be tough, but an assembly on the first day was the perfect way to get students excited to start off the new year. However, the surprises didn't stop there; a new principal, Dr. Eric Ban, rode into town.

On his back he carried new ideas and concepts sure to excite and motivate students and teachers alike. The students stood in anticipation as Dr. Ban took the stage, and waited for him to unveil his innovative new techniques.

With Ban's introduction, 6 colorful banners were brought onto the field, each representing a different word and value for the school. Those words were college, career, citizenship, creativity, courage and culture. Each were used as building blocks for students to build their

character. Students who embodied these characteristics were rewarded with a ticket and a chance to win the grand prize – the prize, a 2009 Chevy Cobalt, donated by Carroll Chevrolet and Art Hill Ford.

This incentive motivated many students to try their hardest and do what they needed to do to get more tickets.

"Knowing that I had a chance to win a car made me want to do well," sophomore Sara Davis said. Other students had similar feelings.

"The possibility of me winning a car really made me think twice about not coming to school," sophomore Nathen Ellington said, "I think Dr. Ban's 'Ticket-to-Ride' program has had a great impact on our school."

With new reasons to do well, students were ready to start off the year.

-By C. Fleszewski & E. Wilson

leadershipcamp

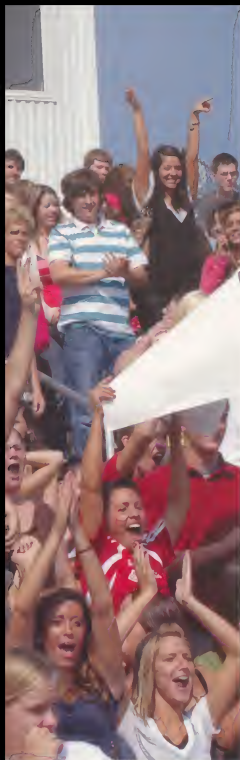
Megan Binder (12) and Sara Gallas (12) select prizes during the first student LEAD leadership camp. The LEAD Council allowed students to discuss school issues.

PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI

bulldogrush

Katrina Hoxing (10) sits at the Art Club display during freshman BULLDOG RUSH. Prizes were given to the club with the most sign ups.

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Show your Spirit

Racing through a week of riveting excitement, students reveal they're unparalleled



"I was very nervous, because I knew the people that I was performing for," junior Maddie Chambers said.

PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

Students and teachers stood at the starting line, hands gripped tightly around the handlebars, waiting for the race to begin. Then after the sounding of "GO!" they were off!

Dressed boldly in red and white for last day of Spirit Week, the entire student body gathered for the pep rally and excitedly cheered as the officers of each class and some brave teachers dashed across the gym riding tricycles for the Relay Race.

"I expected the seniors to win because they had to uphold their reputation as the best class," Student Council advisor, Mrs. Rachele Raloff said.

However, after a crafty trick from the senior officers who brought out a mountain bike to finish the race, the junior class officers were declared the winners by English teacher Mr. John Lambersie, the comical emcee of the pep rally.

The victorious juniors were thrilled

to hear that their reward for winning the race was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to pie a teacher in the face. After a blur of laughter and cream pie, no one walked away without a sticky mess covering their clothes.

"It felt kind of cool until I realized that I had pie everywhere!" English teacher Miss Anne Domasica said.

Along with the race, the annual Bulldog Parade of Pride took place as representatives from various clubs of the school proudly marched around the gym holding banners and signs portraying their club name. The cheerleaders and dance team also showed their incomparable school spirit with their performances for all the students in the crowd.

"All in all, it was a successful pep rally and the perfect way to end Homecoming week," Student Council president Kristina Budgin said.

- Sammy Vercellino & Sami White

mixmatch day



"It was my favorite day during Spirit Week because it was a great way to show personality and individualism," junior Sarah Ballas said.

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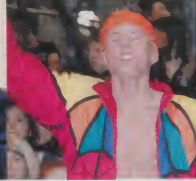
favorite character day



"I just really enjoyed dressing up as something I really liked and it let me express myself in a creative way," junior Timothy Wolak said.

PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

decadeday



"My favorite part of Spirit Week was being able to dress ridiculously and everyone embraced it," junior Jeffrey Erskine said.

PHOTO BY K. WELLS



peprally

Mr. Matt Welsh and Miss Anne Domasica brace themselves for a face full of pie. As a reward for winning the relay race, the junior class officers were given the opportunity to serve dessert to their teachers. "It was amazing to know that I could pie a teacher in the face and not get in trouble for it," junior Jenny Inghes said. PHOTO BY K. WELLS

classcolor day



"My favorite part of being a senior was being on top. It was nice not begin the ones to get shoved around," senior Mandy Ratazzi said.

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schoolspirit day



"It was really exciting when the juniors won the relay because we always own everything," junior Christopher Klein said. PHOTO BY K. WELLS

peprally



"I loved the Book Club and I've always wanted to be in the pep rally so I could yell a lot," junior Haley Webb.

PHOTO BY K. WELLS



homecoming queen

After being announced Homecoming queen, Samantha Kats (12) takes in the cheers from the crowd. "I was excited. I thought being nominated was good enough for me," Kats said.

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arade for Homecoming



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"I wanted to be in the parade because it was always really fun; I got to see a lot of people I knew, and I also got to throw candy to little kids."

-senior **Lindsay Hasse**



PHOTO BY C. LEONARD

"I participated in the parade because I wanted Latin Club to win the float contest, and beat the Japanese float!"

-sophomore **Alex Kleemann**

Talk of the Town

Requests from town shops
relocated the start of the
parade from Taft to the square

Homecoming was in full swing as the windows of the shops in town were decorated with the last names of football players. Originally, the parade was supposed to be from Taft to the high school. However, demands from the community forced it to be around the square. The change sparked a feeling of gratitude from the town and the parade participants. The tradition of the parade in the square was back. "I thought being in the square was creative because more people could see the parade," Senior Casey Taylor said.

Weeks before the parade, students worked hard in order to make the perfect float. "The senior girls all stayed after school a few times to cut out and paint our decorations," senior Holly Sheffer said.

The freshman class overcame the challenge of being new to the school by taking home the title of best class float. However, the weekend was not ruined for the rest of the students. "My favorite part of the float was the freshmen letters hanging really high," freshman Cassandra Firchau said. -Sammy Vercellino & Heather Brogdon

on the right

Sporting sunglasses, Evelyn Turner (10) waves to the onlookers. "When we were throwing candy, Kirsten accidentally hit a lady in the head; after we realized she was ok, we all laughed," she said.

on the bottom

Passing out treats to the crowd, Elizabeth Maxwell (12) takes time to appreciate her last parade. "It gave me a chance to finish one last project with the friends I've made from band," she said.



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Homecoming Hollywoodⁱⁿ

Lights, Camera, Action; the three classic words used in Hollywood settings and they were the key components of Homecoming's theme.

The homecoming theme "A Night in the Spotlight," stood out to students which the coordinator Mr. Hadary had hoped for.

"Each person pictured that perfect night where everything was focused on them, and they were the ones in the spotlight," Hadary said.

After being started from pieces of lifeless cardboard, the props used for the dance were covered with glitter and hung around the walls of the fieldhouse and created a Hollywood style backdrop.

As couples entered the dance, they were introduced with a red carpet that had led them to the 10 ft. star entrance with movie reels along the sides guiding them

into their spotlight moment.

As spectacular as the entry way was, the amount of people that entered caused the giant star to tumble down within 20 minutes of the start of the dance.

Although it was sad to see the main decoration come down, it didn't stop kids from having a good time with their friends. "Watching Jeremy Koul pick up Luke and put him on his shoulders and dancing around was my favorite part," senior Taylor Luketic said.

After the dance, couples went and did their own activities when the hectic night of festivities came to an end.

"We went to Stracks and bought some food," sophomore Amber Higgins said. "We ended the night with a bonfire and slept in tents in the freezing weather!" -Mali Rios & Kim Wells

groupshot

Students dance to "Amazed" by Lonestar with their dates. "I think my favorite part of the dance was being able to just let loose and dance with my friends," junior David Nickla said.

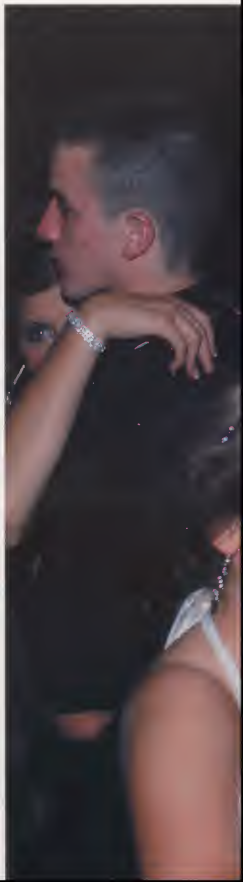
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marisafenn

Dancing the night away, Fenn enjoys her last homecoming in high school. "I had such a blast. I was sad it was my last homecoming but I got to spend it with people I love, so it was amazing."

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johnhannon

Clearing space on the floor, John Hannon (11) dances to "Pop, Lock & Drop It," by Huey. "I had a lot of fun dancing by my friends and girl," Hannon said. PHOTO BY M. RIOS



kristinhatlevoll

Foreign exchange student Kristin Hatlevoll (11) enjoys her first dance in America. "Homecoming was great! It was my first American dance and I had so much fun. I loved dressing up, too." PHOTO BY L. TITAK



annabucci

Anna Buccini (12) dances to "Party Like a Rockstar" by ShopBoyz with friend Trevor St. Auburn. "My friend Becky and I ended up having the same dresses and the same date. It was so much fun," Buccini said. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



nickbruno

Bruno dances with his girlfriend to "I Don't Want To Miss a Thing," by Aerosmith. "[My most memorable moment was] when I was crowned Mr. Football by Blake and hearing everyone yell and congratulate me," Bruno said. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



krystarodd

Kyrsta Rodd (11) dances with Matt Smith (11) to "Hey-Ya," by Outkast. "I got to go with the prince which was really cool. I felt special. The dance was really fun, too. My date was great. We had an excellent time." PHOTO BY L. TITAK



ashleyveljko

Ashley Veljko (11) dances with her good friend Allison Springmen to "All the Small Things," by Blink 182. "Just dancing around with all my best friends [I had] a blast," Veljko said. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



amberhiggins

Higgins watches as her two friends dance to "2 Step" by UNK. "It was quite entertaining watching them dance even though they made complete fools of themselves," Higgins said. PHOTO BY M. RIOS



lukekulpa

Luke Kulpa (12) shares a dance with date Taylor Luketic (12). "My favorite part of the dance was dancing. I love to dance. Its fun; and not to brag, but I'm good," Kulpa said. Luketic surprised Kulpa by asking him to the dance. PHOTO BY L. TITAK







While posing, students, Chris Shipp, Tom Ladendorf, Helena Bilka Fazia Javed, Nikki Gazibara, Holly McGraw, and Anna Bucci each reflect on their own unique styles. "There is so much room in the world for art. Put it on paper, put it on canvas, put it on your body; soon you'll be able to see it in every corner - everywhere," Senior Nikki Gazabara said.

"I lived to have a unique life experience, I made that a philosophy I held true in my actions, opinions, and dress," senior Holly McGraw said. Standing out in a crowd was something that many tried to do, but few succeeded at and they all ended up looking the same. "I think it was interesting that all nonconformists looked the same. Many people who tried to be "different" looked exactly the same like everyone else who was "different," senior Nikki Gazibara said. Junior Helena Bilka agreed. "I didn't shop at a lot of local stores because I liked to add that diverse and different aspect to my style. Chicago was one of my favorite places to go because the clothing was very artsy urban and that fitted my style perfectly," Bilka said. Senior Cliff Pavloski said that his job was one of his style influences. "I would say that working at Express and seeing a lot of current fashions had influenced my style," he said.

While some purchased their clothes others opted to make their own clothes simply because their individualistic styles couldn't be bought anywhere. "Because the radical ideas in my head can't be bought anywhere," Gazibara said, "I made my own clothes, and I hated the mall." Sophomore Faiza Javed took pride in her uniqueness and thought of it as a good quality to have. "I definitely considered myself an individual. And it was really important to be your own person." While some people only wore the clothes, some lived the life. "My actions backed up my wardrobe," Gazibara said, "I was always doing things to push expectations."

- Alex Parrish

sweet surrender

"Candy is like air or water. I couldn't live without it. There is a candy for every occasion."

—Jerome Flewelling

While there are so many flavorful, sweet treats, candy has always seemed to be the perfect choice for fulfilling those nagging cravings. Some people prefer certain types of candy over others. I preferred chocolate candy because, fruity candy didn't fit my personality. I'm a chocolatey person," sophomore Stephen Lowe said. However, many students have decided on just one certain kind of candy. "Reese's has been my favorite candy since I was a kid," sophomore Cody Bacon said.

Candy has been enjoyed by many throughout the years and it just keeps getting better. With candy factories producing more and more different variations of candies, they keep us on our toes with what's next. Although too much candy can not be

all that good for you, it never seems to stop anyone. Candy also has taken the role of helping with certain feelings. Senior Sarah Sferruzza said, "My favorite candy was Reese's because it was my comfort food."

Candy was the object that would always be there for you no matter what the circumstance. "I most enjoyed eating candy when I was having a yucky day; it made me feel euphoric," junior Ashley Ramano said. With any emotion, candy could make it better. Whether you're just having a candy craving or need a pick me up, candy did the trick.

—Katrina Kuiper & Kim Wells

jerome flewelling

Physics teacher, Mr. Jerome Flewelling, was a candy fanatic. His family and he enjoyed it for various occasions. "On rainy days, I found that Skittles always picked me up. If I felt like laughing, I would down a Snickers. My mom and I always used to enjoy DOT's during our Sunday morning church service. Now she and I enjoy passing out Candy Canes at the local nursing home. When I married my wife, we couldn't get enough Hershey Kisses. Not too long after that we had cravings for Baby Ruth's, Sour Patch Kids, and Junior Mints. Our children now demand Twizzlers and Lollipops on the Fourth of July." Truly a life full of candy.

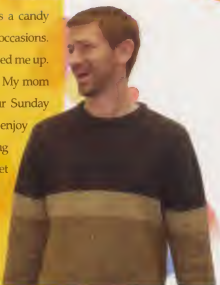


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"I could always go for some candy. It makes you feel happy I guess."

-Xia Meng Howey (11)

"Candy makes me feel magical in every possible way imaginable. It just brings a smile to my heavenly face."

-Nick Bauhan (11)

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"I prefer chocolate because it goes down great and it can never taste bad!"

-Jacquelyn Cannon (11)

candycharacter

What does your favorite candy say about you?



A Classic

-traditional, good taste, dependable, maintains relationships

Spicy

-spunky, likes the spice of life, not afraid to be aggressive



Artistic

-vibrant, fun to be around, likes experiencing new things

Sweet & Salty

-relaxed, chills, always there for friends, takes time on life



Balanced

-smooth, nutty, sees both sides of a story, works well with others

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Cellphone Craze



In the current technological age, many students found it hard to go without their phones.

Ru obsessed w/ txtng? Whether it was to find the latest gossip, or what time to meet with your friends, texting surpassed talking on the phone for many students. "I texted more than I talked on the phone; texting was just more convenient," sophomore Alex Follmar said. "You could get straight to the point without having to carry on an entire conversation."

However, texting was more than a quick way to keep in touch with friends. It was also a way to communicate with

parentals "I would text my parents before Pep Band and after practices to make sure they knew what time to pick me up, sophomore Sarah Davis said.

It wasn't students who were the only ones who were texting; however, it seemed to be contagious. "I taught my grandma to text. At first she didn't even know how to use her cellphone," sophomore Melanie Andras said. Whether you were fifteen or seventy-four, texting was a quick and simple way to communicate with others.

texttoys

Rumor



"My phone is easy to text, and it's pretty," sophomore Alyssa Bostick said.

"It's easy to text on, and it's not boring," senior Antonio Tasevski said. "It's cool."

Dash



Sidekick

"I got my phone because you can change the cover to fit your style, and it has internet," junior Alyson Crowley said.

Roku

"I got my phone because it holds a lot of music, and it has a great camera," senior Nikkole Stogowski said.



"My phone is easy to text on," said senior Jake Castellanos.

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Wing

"I got my phone for my birthday," sophomore Lindsey Ryzewski said. "I like it because it has a touch screen."





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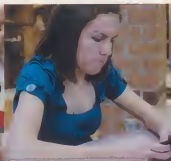
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beforeschool

"I text because it helps me keep in touch with people I don't normally see," junior Stephanie Maldonado said.

PHOTO BY A. PARRISH



in thezone

Aly Schultz (9) intently texts at her lunch table. "I mainly text to communicate with my friends," Schultz said.

PHOTO BY A. PARRISH



chatting itup

At lunch time, Theodore Plants(11) hangs out at his lunch table. "I text to keep in contact with friends," Plants said.

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As you stood in the crowd and looked around, your vision was completely blurred by the red and white spirit wear that was worn by frantic students. The only sounds you heard were the screams and cheers of the fans, who were anxiously awaiting the start of the game on the newly installed turf. Emotions were at their highest just before the referee blew his whistle and sounded the start of yet another Friday night football game.

"Going out and supporting all your friends on the team was important and I had a lot of fun doing it," senior Matt Zubriggen said. Zubriggen was known around school as being one of the biggest super fans at the games.

The second major part of the football season after the actual game was the tailgating that took place hours before. "My best super fan memory was going to the tailgating parties before the games," sophomore Katie Schwuchow said. "I really loved going to the football game, because every time was always so pumped and cheering really loud. It was a really great atmosphere to be in."

Although the football season did not go as well as some fans hoped it would have gone, students still went out and supported the team. Many even remembered a few favorite games they had that made some lasting memories. "My favorite football game was the game against Heritage because the whole student section had a white out, and it was a really exciting game," senior Brad Hiller said. —By A. Parrish and S. Vercellino

SUPER FAN

number one

When asked to name the top super fan, Matt Zubriggen (12) and Nikolas Kasper (12) were the first to mention being a super fan. "I really loved going to the football game, because every time was always so pumped and cheering really loud. It was a really great atmosphere to be in."

Zubriggen said.

—By A. Parrish and S. Vercellino



Top to bottom: One "The two opposing teams by making a ridiculous offensive decision of being a *double* on the key," said [senior] [name] and it helped [name] have [name] Schwach and [name] [name] and the dedication of all the [name] the basketball game and [name] also like [name] for DOG P'ACK." senior Ky...



being a twin

"People will always be like, 'Oh my god, you're a twin!' and they always ask us weird questions like if we can talk to each other with our minds," junior Tiffany Kralek said.

PHOTO BY C. FLESZYNSKI & S. WHITE

twinput



Devin Brusceci

Sami Brusceci

"There is never a dull moment. It is like living with your best friend," senior Devin Brusceci said.

PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

"We are together all the time. [But] it's fun because I get to go through life always having someone with me," senior Sami Brusceci said.

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Eleni Koutouvas

Katerina Koutouvas

"[Having a twin] is an immediate best friend. She is someone you can trust completely," senior Eleni Koutouvas said.

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"Sometimes you can get annoyed hearing the same thing over again from your twin and people mix us up all the time," senior Katerina Koutouvas said.

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2 of a kind

Whether fraternal or identical, twins are two different people.

just below

"It's been fun because it's easy to come up with ideas or places to go. Many times we come up with the same exact thoughts, so we laugh a lot," junior Melissa Ostaszewski said.



Finals week was around the corner and most students were drowning in books. Every minute or so when you'd look up and see the same person is there only in a different outfit looking back. At first glance the coincidence could have been blamed on the late night studying and lack of sleep but for some students, seeing a look-a-like of yourself was a daily occurrence.

Most students would have loved to have an identical version of them to pass off as themselves with no one to be the wiser. However most twins may be a complete opposite of the other with radically different personalities. "Just about everything [sets us apart], we look extremely similar but we act completely different, dress different and enjoy different things," junior Tiffany Kralek said.

Most identical twins had to correct people when they were called the other twin's name, or gave people a fake smile when they tell you for the thousandth time how cool it was

that you have a twin, but Kralek said it does have a downside.

"It was really annoying when everyone called me my sister's name. Everyone always thinks we're always together and that we tell each other everything but we aren't like that at all," junior Felicia Kralek said.

Though growing up with an identical sibling was tiring at times, the Kraleks' admit they still enjoyed being twins.

"We switched for three days, then a week, then two, then three weeks in 8th grade; but we got caught because we were overheard about it," Kralek said. "Most of the teachers thought it was funny though." Though they shared the same face, they weren't the same person. "Our personalities were so different from each other," Kralek said. "Usually people could tell us apart just by talking to us."

So for all the single born kids out there unfortunately, your parents were old fashioned and had you one at a time but think of it this way next time you see twins you could sigh and wish you had an identical version of yourself and then tell them for the thousandth time how cool it is to have a twin. —Marwa Nour



on the left

Growing up with a twin could have been frustrating, but in the end there's always a familiar face that would understand you when no one else could. "We may have fought when we were little but it's almost like having your best friend stay the night every night," senior Mike Wasserott said.

on the right

Different personalities, different point of views, but they share the same face. "Being a twin is like waking up to a mirror, but it talks back," senior Lucas Wasserott said.

Staying Social

With changes in start times, students found different places to hangout before class.

The pounding steps of a student are the only noise vibrating through the thick moist morning air. The only thing running through the students' head is, "Does the morning start at 7:25 A.M. or at 7:40 A.M.?"

The school schedule started on at the normal time, 7:25 A.M., on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. But a teacher collaborative time was built into the weekly schedule, and thus, students started at 7:40 A.M. on Tuesday and Thursday.

"I didn't like the late start, because it made the day seem longer," said junior Bethany Komaskinski.

Most students spent their zero periods in the cafeteria; however, some students found other places to hangout. "I hung out at my locker because that was where all my friends came," junior Alexander

Petrovski said.

"During zero periods, I hung out in my favorite classroom and; I learned all kinds of new stuff like how to hook up a network printer in my computer service class," junior Brandon Halsey said.

When students weren't hanging out in the cafeteria or a classroom, they were at a club meeting. "On Wednesdays I had Student Council meetings during zero periods," senior Lorin Bork said. Even though the most common meeting that students attend was Student Council, some attended other meetings. "When there was an Athletic Council meeting every two to three months, I went to that," junior Jessica Tylicki said. Others found tutoring in the new section of the cafeteria. *By Chris Shellenberger*

chessgame

"I liked to play chess because of the strategy in the game," said junior Takuya Nakshima. Most students spent their time hanging with their friends, but some spent their time playing games.

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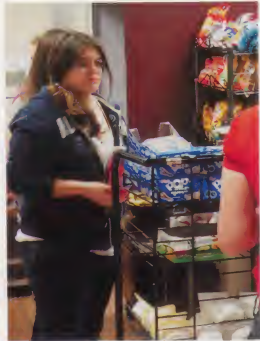
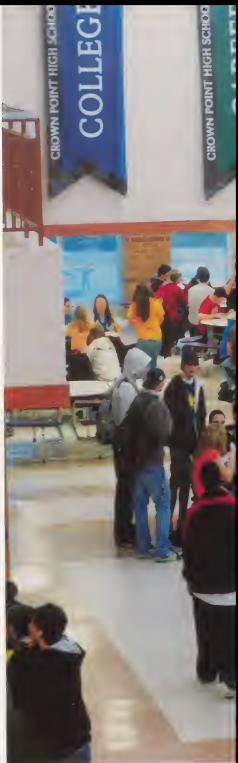
cafeteriaibreakfast

"Sometimes I liked to get breakfast at the school, but sometimes I didn't because I didn't like what they were having," said sophomore

Emma Novakovich.

Most students chose to have breakfast at school.

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cafeteria chaos

Due to the late start days of Tuesday and Thursday, students had more time to hangout. "I spent zero period in the cafeteria with my friends unless I needed a teacher's help," junior Brittany Hecht said.

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studystories



lockerbay

Student Jordan Jurasevich (10) tries to finish his homework at his locker before class starts. "I liked to hangout at the locker bays, because I could get my homework done," Jurasevich said.

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BY C. SHELLENBERGER

lunchtable

Junior Bradley Schmidt and Senior Sarah Bolz hangout in the cafeteria and try to catch up on homework. "My favorite part about getting to hangout in the cafeteria was that I got to spend time with friends," Bolz said.

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classroom

Students Samantha LaMantia (12) does her AP Physics homework during zero period. Most students liked to work on homework in classrooms because it was quiet in the classrooms.

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mackenzimorris

Mackenzi Morris (10) was getting her groove on with her date, Patrick O'Conner (10). "My date was really great, and I am really glad that I asked him to go with me," Morris said.

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lexierolff

Slow dancing the night away, Lexie Rolff (9) and Brandon Hawn (9) matched perfectly with their silver attire. "It was my first dance and my date and I had a lot of fun. I can't wait till next year!" Rolff said.

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gabbieraspopovich

Smiling for the camera, Gabbie Raspopovich (10) and Zachary Breukman (11) get a drink of lemonade. "Turnabout was tons of fun! At the very end, dancing to a marathon of *Grease* songs made the night memorable!" Rapopovich said.

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paigehynek

While being sung to by her date, Paige Hynek (11) recalls, "Considering it was our fourth dance together, my date singing to me definitely made it the best dance so far; even if it was a little pitchy!" PHOTO BY K. KUIPER

christianahearn

Dancing with all his heart, Christian Ahearn (11) poses for the camera. "It was just another night but it was unlike any other; she was just another girl but she took my breath away," Ahearn said. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

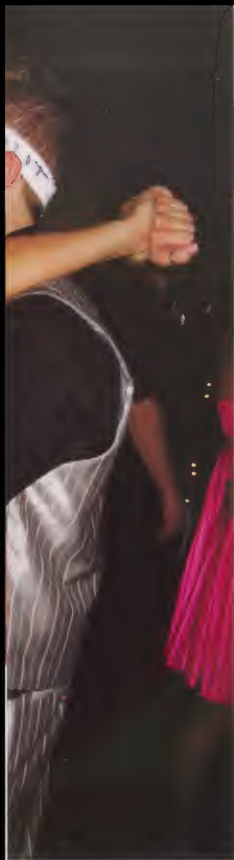
huntermckee

Hunter McKee (11) is caught dancing to "Baby Got Back" by Sir Mix-A-Lot. "My favorite part of the night was when I received a hat, and taught my date how to dance ridiculously."

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spencerapchak

Making his date laugh, Spencer Rapchak (11) slow dances with his date Hannah Tokoly (11). "I looked so good that night. Everyone wanted to dance with me," Rapchak said. PHOTO BY K. KUIPER



florenciagarcia

Posing for a group shot, Florencia Garcia-Vicente (12) said, "Turnabout was so much fun because I was with all my best friends for one of my last high school dances."

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anthonypatrick

Brook Hruby (12) and Any Lambert (12) were caught dancing with Tony Patrick (11). "All I could think about was how good of a dancer I was that night," Patrick said. PHOTO BY K. KUIPER

Twinkle imeⁱⁿ

justinbuddle

While in Painting class, Justin Buddle (11) was sent a pizza from his friend Jennifer Jacques (11) asking him to the dance. "When I had opened the pizza, my heart dropped and I was speechless," he said. PHOTO BY K. KUIPER

Loving every minute of the timeless music, and countless pictures, students were enjoying the Turnabout dance. As always, the girls had to work up the courage to ask the boys to that dance. "I had asked my date to Turnabout by ordering a pizza to his class and once he opened it, he would find my note asking him to Turnabout," junior Jennifer Jacques said. "I was really nervous. My hands were shaking so badly when I was putting the candy on the pizza. I thought he might say no but he didn't, thankfully. I was really anxious when I was waiting to hear what he said. Right after class I had the most random people come up to me and tell me how cute it was!" she said.

The dance always had a good turn out even with the pros and cons. "We

had so much fun! Although now we had found an urgent reason as to why we will be bringing safety pins for next year," sophomore Melina Arciniega said. It had seemed that a lot of people were dancing so much that their dresses had fallen apart. "My friend's dress started to fall apart half way through the night so we had to pin it up so it wouldn't keep falling down," sophomore Georgia Otte said. Many students were excited to find out that the dance was at the Halls of St. George rather than at the high school. Students enjoyed the change and the diversity with it being somewhere else other than the high school. "I thought Turnabout was one the best dances I have been to since it was at Halls of St. George," sophomore Rebecca Reed said. The dance was a perfect night.

BY: KATRINA KUIPER

New students were not the only new addition to the school. There were sixteen new teachers hired in various departments. Some of these teachers were first year teachers, but others already had numerous years of teaching under their belts. With all this talent added to the already great teaching staff, students were in for an academically wealthy year.

There was also the TOP DOGS and Cass Cadets programs that were implemented to help promote a healthy and safe school environment for incoming students. TOP DOGS were senior mentors working in freshman core classes and acted as role models and instructional aides. Cass Cadets were juniors and sophomores who wanted to “be the change.” They were future- oriented students who wanted to embrace their futures and use Crown Point as a “launching pad” to kick off their successful lives. Their goal was to mentor middle school students. Junior Ben Cottrell said, “ It was fun to work with younger kids and see the future of Crown Point High School, and know they will make a positive impact.”





COLLEGE

SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS



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Solving equations, finding the squared root of the "b" variable, taking notes, and preparing for tests are the typical actions that come to mind while thinking about math and science classes.

Although, some students have taken their interests of science to a new level by participating in field trips where they used their knowledge from class. Ten AP Environmental Science students went on a trip in the summer to Costa Rica where they learned about the different climate and agricultural factors.

"Costa Rica was the dream field trip. I got to experience new adventures while using the knowledge I retained from AP Environmental Science," senior Brad Hiller said. "I planned the Costa Rica field trip because it has one of the world's most fantastic eco tourism hubs, so planning the trip with my AP students was a must."

AP Environmental Science teacher Tammy Keilman said. Due to the success from the Costa Rica trip, AP Environmental Science plans to take another trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Consequently, students in math classes used their new knowledge from the classroom to help guide them to their future career paths. "One aspiration that I possess was to be a high school Algebra teacher one day. So, Algebra I was a very important class for me to take," sophomore Amelia Claus said.

Other students found math class useful for their future careers in unusual ways. "I plan on going into the music industry to either be an agent or to work at/ own a recording studio, so there will be a lot of math involved no matter what I do," senior Pre-Calculus student Kaitlin Topp said.

BY MILIJANA TRISIC

PORTRAIT OF A PROJECT



PHOTO BY T. VERBICH

jake masolak (11)

The most interesting project that I completed was the Catapult project for Physics. The best part was that it was more of a "hands-on" activity and I was able to use both my creativity and invention skills.

cody reynolds (12)

My favorite AP Environmental Science lab was when I grew a plant in charate. I had to test it to see how much it grew in the charate. It was interesting to see the plant grow bigger.

mitchell deboth (11)

My favorite Physics project was making the cardboard chair. My partner and I made our chair without any glue. We built individual pieces and put it together like a puzzle.

kyle stofko (12)

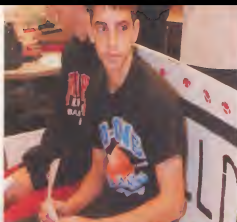
Chris Shimley and I were working on a lab in AP Biology class, and we had to titrate solutions with what Elston calls 'the purple stuff'. Well, I accidentally spilled it on Shimley and his arm turned purple.



HOLDUP:

Eli Kvachkoff (11) tests his classmate's chair for the peer evaluation portion of the Cardboard Chair Project. "I liked working together as a team during the chair project," Kvachkoff said.

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XVALUE: Mrs. May helps Courtney Harth (12) with a difficult pre-calculus problem. "Mrs. May was my favorite math teacher because she was always enthusiastic, and she always made me want to learn," Harth said.

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JUNGLEFEVER: Daniel Maginot (11) gets ready to zip line through a rainforest during the AP Environmental Science trip to Costa Rica. "Zip lining was incredible. It was a great experience," Maginot said. Zip lining allowed students to go 15-20 mph above the ground.

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SOLVINGEQUATIONS: Kevin Demeuse (11) works hard to finish his equation worksheet for Algebra 2. "The easiest part of class was talking to the teacher and asking for help on the assignment from the day before," Demeuse said.



APCHEMISTRY: Mike Kessler (11) and Sam Sanders (11) heat a compound in AP Chemistry. "The best part about labs was the actual experiment itself. We were able to experiment with different acids bases," Kessler said.

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GINGERBREAD

Second year German students build a gingerbread house during the holiday season. "Mrs. Polizotto taught us about German traditions and holidays," Clay Folmar (10) said.

PHOTO BY M. TRISIC



CHRISTMAS

Each of the foreign languages were represented at Christmas time at an after-school caroling session. "We all got together in the library to carol in our own language," Rebekah Maddack (10) said.

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HOLOCAUST: Students in Miss Bonich's 10R English classes listen to a presentation by a Holocaust survivor. "Frank Zalega talked to us about the Holocaust after we read *I Have Lived A Thousand Years*, Brittney Dalie (10) said.

PHOTO BY A. ZABERDAG



SPANISH: To help learn about the Spanish culture, students dance following their teacher's, Mr. Gonzalez, lead. "I had a blast learning all of the different Spanish dances. It was a good learning experience," Rebecca Fechalos (9) said.

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AP: Standing up in front of the other German classes, AP German students give a presentation about St. Nikolaus Day. "My role was to talk about who St. Nikolaus was and his helpers and how he came to Germany," senior Jessica Rose said.

PHOTO BY J. ZARATE

ENGLISH & LANGUAGES



Whether it was English that you had spoken since you could talk or a foreign language that you just began to learn, students' language skills were enhanced with a variety of language classes. Learning a foreign language also helped some students make a connection to better understanding English and our world.

"What we learned in Latin was directly related to our everyday lives because the Romans have had a huge impact on our society," junior Elizabeth Szymanski said. "Connections could be made to politics, architecture, literature, and entertainment."

Teaching ethics also played a big role in determining a student's success in the language. "Ms. Logan made it easy to learn by having us work in groups so we could always use each other as resources," senior Andrew Scibbe said.

Classes also participated in foreign language week by learning about other cultures and traditions. "We taught the other German classes about the St. Nicholas legends by dressing up as the characters involved," senior Stephen Sheaffer said.

In a sophomore English class, students got to listen to guest speakers from Germany and learn from their experiences. "We did an interesting assignment that dealt with the Holocaust," sophomore Tyler Richmond said. "It gave me a better understanding of the entire situation."

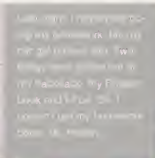
An English assessment was more than ordinary when it also helped students learn about each other. "We got to bring in something important to us," junior Julia Erler said. "It helped me to learn things about classmates that I would've never known otherwise." By Jennifer Zarate

Q & A

What was the worst excuse that you had ever received for someone not turning in homework?



An old lady was crossing the street. I had to help her because traffic was bad. I left my car door open and a big gust of wind knocked my paper out of the car. I couldn't leave the old lady, so I had to let the paper go. Miss Isailovich



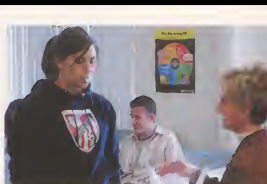
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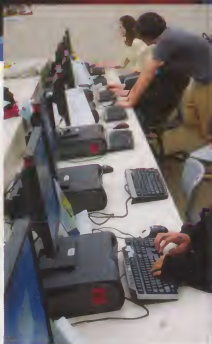
FREETHROW: Some teachers find new and inventive ways to make their students learn and have fun such as Mr. Bernacky. "If the students get a question right then they take a free throw," said Mr. Bernacky.

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GUESTSPEAKER: The Government classes received first-hand information from a guest speaker about life at the White House.

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QUIZRETURN: "I am waiting to get my quiz back and I am blowing a bubble," said freshman Morgan Frame.

BUSINESSLAB: New teacher, Maryann Buczkowski taught Marketing and Business Foundations. PHOTOS BY C. SHELLENBERGER

HISTORY & BUS.COMP

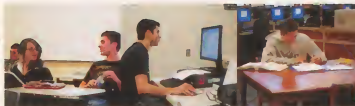


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"I enjoy learning about past civilizations and the contributions they made to our modern societies," said freshman Jonathan Maginat. Most of students would tell you that they took history because they had to, but some students truly enjoyed it. "My favorite part of this class was how we got to learn in different ways; sometimes this may include coloring pictures of a famous event, answering questions for the book, and working on group projects," said freshman Taylor Stevens. "I took Business Foundations to learn about money management and how to prepare for real life jobs," said Katherine Keilman. "I took this class because I want to be a business man when I get older and I felt that this class would help me achieve my life job goal," said sophomore Bradle Schmidt.

Many students that took business class

did for the reason of preparing for the future. "I took this class because it was going to help me in the future by how it taught me things like how to balance a check book and to write a resume," said freshman Kaylie Slosson. Students in business classes had just as interesting favorite parts of their classes, such as, "I like that everyone was so involved everyday. We got to present our projects and do our activities together as a class. The work we got was fun if you had a good attitude and a creative mind," said freshman Aaron Ashuaft. All in all, it seems like the students enjoyed these classes. "The thing that I enjoyed the most about this class was, we had really fun projects, discussions, and Mrs. Bachnack was a fun and great teacher," said sophomore Lucas Schmidt.

BY CHRIS SHELLENBERGER

SOLVINGEQUATIONS: Junior Trevor Marine is working on a assignment for one of his business classes. "My favorite part of class was getting my work done early so that I had time to relax," said Marine.

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Why do you think that your respective classes are important?



"I think that history is important because it lets individual people dive into what the past has contributed to modern society," said freshman Jonathan Maginat.

"I think that business classes are important because the world is becoming more technologically advanced and my Computer Applications helps explain some of those technologies," said senior Josh Long.



FINE ARTS & ARTS



Whether you were a singer, musician, or actor each brought a different interest to the stage. "I enjoyed working with other people(in band)," freshman Nikki Riggs said, "The idea of being and doing something different and being together with people that like the same things," Riggs said.

The audience got to hear or watch the end result which was most of the time performed without flaw. That of course was achieved by hours upon hours of rehearsals. "(Orchestra) makes my schedule very hectic, but when it's worth it in the end," junior Lindsey Volk said, "The satisfaction you get at the end when you've realized that all your hardwork has paid off, makes me want to be a part of it," Volk said.

Musicians, singers, or actors, the tension is all the same. "The moment when the curtain comes up and you see the audience was the best part of being involved(in theatre)," freshman Paul Kendall said.

They laughed, they loved, and they kept us entertained. But having had to balance homework with rehearsals and sometimes even a job could have been stressful but

these kids made it work. "The week before the performance was hectic," Kendall said, "I don't have that much time for homework or anything else," he said.

At the end of the day, what went on stage was only a small glimpse of what goes on behind the curtains. "We usually went out to eat before or after a performance and someone always had to ask the workers at the restaurant to say it's Mr.Deal's birthday," Volk said. "I don't think it's ever been his birthday when someone has done it."

Gaining memories and lifelong friendships was part of the package. So throw out the synthesizers, the automated background singers, and the obnoxious white cardboard posters hinting at forgotten lines, these kids were the real deal.

Depending on one another and having to spend so much time together was what made the performance run smoothly.

Whether you listened, or watched, different personalities and different talents were displayed, bringing along experiences that offered the audience a chance to see, real kids do what they really loved.

-BY MARWA NOUR

Portrait of an Artist

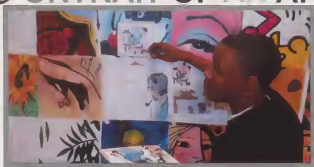


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drawn scibbe (12)

I like AP Studio Art because it allows me to create art at my leisure in a relaxed environment.

sam lisican (12)

I came to the realization that art isn't about what I can draw or paint; it's about recognizing the beauty of what others can create and to appreciate my peers.

michael yates (12)

Imagination with implementation contributes to the creative growth of ones artistic ability.

arica kubascik (12)

I appreciate other people's creativity which inspires me to integrate creativity into my own life.

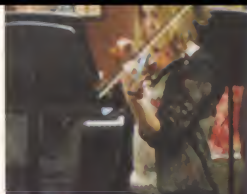
BELTING OUT: Choir singers looked back on their concerts and realized their hard work paid off. "[The best part] was the fact that we worked really hard to learn songs, and when we sang them, they sounded amazing," Junior Lauren Stokoski said.

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MEMORABLE FRIENDS:

"The friends you have going through the whole experience makes the experience memorable," Carrie Ohlenkamp said. "My best friends were in Orchestra/Band."

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**LIVELY IMAGINATIONS:**

"We did something called handy squeeze where the cast and crew join hands and Mr. Degenhart squeezes the person's hand to his right and it goes around," Ethan Breitweiser said. "It gave time to focus."

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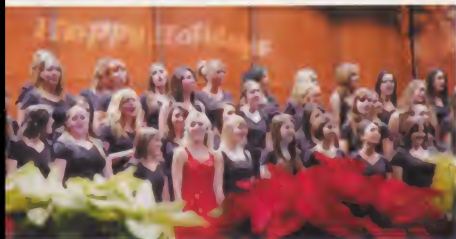
PURSuing

Andrew Bocanegra: "(Pottery) was relaxing and when I made the pots, I liked giving them away," senior Andrew Bocanegra said about his Ceramics class.

**SINGING STRINGS:**

Orchestra kids admitted that being able to not think about anything but the music helped their moods and brought them together.

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HELPING

Senior Julia Barrera helps her fellow students carry in multiple bags of groceries that were raised.

PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI



MACHINE

Machine Shop teacher, Mr. Trapp, teaches one of his students how to operate one of the many machines.

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GENEROUS

Senior Nicholas Martin uses great strength lifting a box of donated food at the canned food drive.

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FACS & IND. TECH.



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High school is one of the building blocks for the future. It is here where students gain powerful information to take with them for the rest of their lives. However, life isn't all book knowledge. People need hands on experience to help guide them as well. This is where industrial technology and family and consumer sciences come in.

"I graduated from Crown Point in 1999," Machine Shop teacher Mr. Trapp said, "I knew how this class helped me in being able to think my way through day-to-day tasks at work and around the house."

Students were also thinking toward the future when they signed up for these classes. "I took Child Development because I was a babysitter and to learn more about children," Sophomore Katharine Myers said. Sophomore Brandon Southard added, "I felt it was important to take Auto Mechanics because it was good to know how vehicles ran so you depended on yourself."

It was the teachers, though, that really made a difference when it came to learning. "Our classes relate to the 'real world' very easily," FACS teacher Mrs. Rattazzi said, "We cook about every week in our foods classes. In fashion, we are constantly making samples before we prepare our projects."

We added critical thinking skills to our assignments. Students got to work through scenarios using the information they have learned."

The knowledge gained from these classes didn't just have to stop with these students; it could be passed on to other generations as well. "The most memorable moment for me was when my high school shop teacher came by to do a presentation for the class," Trapp said. "I had all my advanced class outside and Mr. Gatto was telling the students all about the job. It was great for them to be able to see a 'real' product that was manufactured in a machine shop. The kids also had a lot of great questions for him and it was rewarding for me to be able to instill the knowledge to them that Mr. Gatto gave me when I was in school."

Without a doubt, these classes gave students an experience they will never forget and guided them towards future careers. "My favorite Auto Mechanic activity was when we were building small engines because you could be hands-on and see how everything works. This was a great class that I looked forward to every day!" Southard said. BY ERIN HANEY

TRADE

Sophomore Matthew Stewart finishes one of his many Machine Shop projects. He said, "I enjoyed Machine Shop because you learn a lot of different things for the trade."

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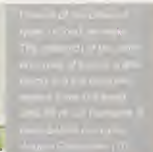
MACHINE

Freshman Joshua Swope uses powerful concentration when working on his Machine Shop project.

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Being interactive with children was a great experience. I think it will help me in the future, especially if I go on later in life and have children. I will be able to cope better with their reactions. Katharine Myers (10)



I enjoyed Industrial tech. because it gave you the opportunity to get a head start in your career choice. I liked just being able to build stuff for myself and it's really exciting with a great instructor. Matt Harvey (10)

Q & A

What did you enjoy about your course and how did you gain real-life experience?

GYM & HEALTH



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As the clock's buzzer goes off, the partners switch turns on the platforms. Now it is the other partner's turn to perform the lift before the time expires. That was the scene in the weight room. "I will not forget Personal Fitness because one main thing, my lifting partners," junior Nick Lopez said, "They were able to help push me to a new limit."

With new lifting techniques, the Personal Fitness class was able to achieve new heights and bigger improvements. "I thought Personal Fitness really helped me to improve my strength and I was really glad that I took the class," senior Dan Downes said. "I was also able to get my football lift in during the day, rather than having to get up early in the morning for them."

Going hand in hand with the personal fitness class, the gym classes stayed with their same routines by playing games and doing other physical activities like playing badminton, running laps, volleyball, and

even tennis, to promote good health. "I wanted to accomplish a couple of things during the year; one of them was to run a mile in seven minutes," freshman Nicole Quint said, "I was proud that I accomplished that goal by running my mile in 6 minutes and 55 seconds."

On the other hand, the Health classes took more of a relaxed approach of the aspect of health. "My favorite part of Health was the presentations we were able to do every six weeks because they were fun and great to watch the other students present," sophomore Brittany Krawiarz.

The Health students also spent some class periods in the library working on projects. "Working on projects and other things in the library was one of my favorite parts of Health," sophomore Marisa Rutherford said, "It was work, but being in a different atmosphere and having new surroundings was nice because it gave a different approach on things."

BY MARK MYERS



PUMPING : Performing on his strength by doing bench press, Jayme Smith (12) gets ready to start his first rep. The class did numerous max outs to see if he had improved over the weeks.

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What were the benefits of taking a Health or physical education class?



"One of the main things that I wanted to do during the year was to pass gym. Thanks to wrestling, I was able to pass gym pretty easily."

Santino Larios (9)



"Health was an excellent class and a good experience because it helped learn different ways to help prevent diseases and things harmful to my body."

Jacob Oborn (10)



WORKING

Nikelle Guch (10) works diligently on her health. The classes all did projects to enhance the knowledge on symptoms and STD's. Unfortunately, the class was only a semester long.

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POWER

Steve Strong (11) finishes his clean lift during Personal Fitness. The students worked not only on the platforms, but they did free weights as well.

The goal for the students was to get stronger.

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FUN

Getting some information from Mr. Rodriguez, Josh Long (12) smiles about the knowledge. "Mr. Rodriguez made Health enjoyable because of all the funny things he said."

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Being part of a community at school is beneficial to a student's success. This sense of citizenship was implemented by providing every student a chance to have his voice heard in a student body of 2,400. There were some new organizations that were created to give the students a voice and further development of student leadership.

LEAD, or Leaders in Education and Development, was an organization comprised of the heads of all the clubs in the school. This council of young leaders provided a direct communication between the students and the administration. Also, students fundraised for good causes in the National Honors Society. Student Council members sponsored St. Baldrick's, a benefit for cancer research. Dr. Ban put into effect the "Ticket to Ride" incentive which was a car giveaway to a student who earned tickets for perfect attendance, maintaining a certain GPA, participating in an extracurricular, which was a motivating strategy to "launch" students into their futures by getting them to actively participate in their school and community.



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*p*ortrait of a senior

MOTIVATED MATURITY
COLLEGE ANXIOUS
SUPER FANS LEADERS
CONFIDENT DRIVEN
DOMINANT WISDOM
SPONTANEOUS BOLD





Abramson, Jaclyn: Fr. Bend 9; Royal Regiment 9
 Ahlers, Zack: Track 10-12
 Akers, Nathaniel: Basketball 9-12; Football 9
 Alberson, Tyler: Bowling 10-12; Spanish Club 9-11
 Aultman, James: Baseball 9-12; Football 9-12; Inking 11,12; Letterman's Club 11,12; NHS 11,12; Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Rotarians 12

Alvarado, Arturo
 Alvarado, Michael
 Amodeo, Nicole: Academic Decathlon 11,12; French Club 11; Golf 9; Key Club 10-12; Latin Club 9,10
 Anderson, Brice: Letterman's Club 11, 12; Basketball 10-12 (Manager)
 Anderson, Cody: Letterman's Club 12; Track 9, 11, 12

Anderson, Jacob Michael
 Andreoli, Dana: Athletic Council 12; Latin Club 9-11; NHS 11-12; SADD 12; Tennis 9-12
 Angel, Kyle
 Anglis, Jaclyn: Choir 11, 12; Trek 12; Mixed 11; Fall Play 9,10; German Club 10,11; Key Club 9; Latin Club 9; LEAD 12; NHS 11,12; Student Council 9; Tennis 9-12; Windfall 11
 Atherton, Miles: Baseball 9-12; Football 9; Letterman's Club 11, 12; Spanish Club 9

Atwood, Peyton
 Aulwurm, Paul: Basketball 9; Baseball 9-12; Cross Country 9; Latin Club 10
 Avila, Brenda: Spanish Club 9, 11, 12
 Babcock, Zachary: Golf 12
 Bach, Alyssa: French Club 9, 10

Bakalik-Shelton, James: Football 9-12; Letterman's Club 11, 1; Wrestling 9-12
 Baliga, Matt
 Bar, Jason: Choir 9-12; Mixed 9,10; Concert 11,12; Mixed Show 11,12; QYP 11,12; Letterman's Club 11,12; Marine Biology Club 9; Rotarians 12; Soccer 9-12; Spell Bowl 12; Spring Musical 11,12
 Barnum-Steggerda, Evan: Debate 11; Latin Club 11; Soccer 9-11; Speech 11
 Barrera, Julia

Batkiewicz, Austin: Football 10-12; Letterman's Club 12; Peer Tutors 12; Wrestling 12
 Bean, Michelle: Japanese Club 9-11
 Beason, Erin
 Belush, Kloe: Cheerleading 10, 11; French Club 9; Gymnastics 10; HERO 12; Track 12
 Bernacat, Steven: Bowling 12

Bindert, Megan: *Academic Super Bowl* 11,12; *Academic Decathlon* 11,12; *Debate* 9,10; *French Club* 9,10 (*Treasurer* 10); *Inklings* 10-12 (*Editor-in-Chief* 12); *Kiwanians* 9-12; *LEAD* 12; *NHS* 11,12; *Quill & Scroll* 11,12; *Rotarians* 12; *Shouttime* 12; *Trims* 9
 Borchert, Paul: *Choir* 9; *Japanese Club* 10; *Peer Tutors* 11; *Spanish Club* 9
 Bork, Lorin: *Fr. Girls* 9; *Treble* 11; *Mixed* 10; *Student Council* 12
 Borys, Casey: *Concert Band* 9-11; *Marching Band* 9-11



Bottoff, Jonathan
 Bottoff, Rebecca
 Bowdish, Tyler: *Golf* 9-12; *HERO* 12; *Letterman's Club* 11, 12; *Spanish Club* 9
 Bowman, Chelsea: *Fr. Girls* 9; *Treble* 10; *Mixed* 11; *Concert* 12; *Mixed Show* 11,12; *Girls' Show* 9,10; *Dance Team* 9,11,12; *GVC* 9,11,12; *Showtime* 11; *Spring Musical* 9,10
 Boyd, Natasha: *Choir* 9-12; *Fr. Girls* 9; *Treble* 11; *Mixed* 10; *Concert* 12; *Mixed Show* 11,12; *Girls' Show* 10; *Dance Team* 9-12; *Dog Crew* 12; *GVC* 10-12; *HERO* 12; *One Acts* 12; *Spring Musical* 10-12; *Thespians* 11,12



Bravo, Julian
 Breitweiser, Ethan: *Fr. Band* 9; *Concert Band* 11,12; *Symphonic Band* 10; *Cheerleading* 9,10; *Mixed* 10; *Concert* 10-12; *Mixed Show* 11,12; *QYP* 12; *Fall Play* 11,12; *One Acts* 10,12; *Orchestra* 11,12; *Spring Musical* 9-12; *Thespians* 11,12
 Bretzinger, Rachel: *Peer Tutors* 9-12
 Brock, Nathan: *Chess Club* 10; *Latin Club* 9; *Spanish Club* 10
 Brock, Nathan
 Broughton, Heather: *Escalibur* 12; *NHS* 11,12; *Rotarians* 12; *Spanish Club* 9-12 (*President* 12); *Spell Bowl* 11, 12; *Student Council* 11, 12



Brucato, Lynsey: *Basketball* 9-11; *HERO* 12; *Homecoming Court* 11; *Peer Tutors* 10, 11; *Volleyball* 9
 Bruno, Nicholas: *Athletic Council* 12; *Baseball* 9; *Choir* 9,10; *Mixed* 9,10; *Football* 9-12; *Homecoming Court* 9,12; *Letterman's Club* 9-12; *NHS* 11,12; *Rotarians* 12; *Track* 11,12; *Wrestling* 9-12
 Brusceri, Devin
 Brusceri, Samantha: *French Club* 9; *Key Club* 11; *Spanish* 10
 Bryce, Lorraine: *Peer Tutors* 11, 12



Brymer, Lauren: *Athletic Council* 12; *Dance Team* 9; *Golf* 9-12; *GVC* 9-12; *NHS* 12; *Orchestra* 9; *Peer Tutors* 9-12; *Showtime* 11
 Budgin, Kristina: *Escalibur* 11; *French Club* 9-11; *LEAD* 12; *NHS* 11,12; *SADD* 10,11; *Student Council* 10-12 (*President* 12)
 Burke, Jessica
 Carovski, Michael: *Choir* 9-11; *Mixed* 9,10; *Concert* 11; *HERO* 12; *Letterman's Club* 9-11; *NHS* 11,12; *Swimming* 9-11
 Calarie, Andrew: *Bowling* 10-12



Cannon, Kaitlin: *Cheerleading* 9-12; *Gymnastics* 10; *GVC* 9-12; *HERO* 12; *Spanish Club* 9
 Carter, Chelsea: *Cheerleading* 9, 10
 Castanon, Claudia
 Castellanos, Jacob: *Baseball* 11; *Football* 9-12; *Track* 12
 Certa, Staci: *Kiwanians* 9; *Volleyball* 9, 10





Cervantes, Juanita: Spanish Club 11
 Chandler, Shayne: Football 9-12
 Chas, Ryan: Wrestling 9-12
 Chlebowski, Michael: Fall Play 9-12; One Acts 12; Spring Musical 9-12; Thespians 11, 12
 Cipolla, Alexander: Football 10-12

Clark, Steven
 Coker, Alyssa: Gymnastics 10, 11; GVC 10
 11; HERO 12; Letterman's Club 10, 11
 Cole, Mason: Chess Club 12
 Cokorna, Nicholas: Athletic Council 12
 Football 9-12; Golf 12; Letterman's Club 11, 12; Rotarians 12
 Cooke, Jon: Football 9-12; Letterman's Club 11, 12; Track 12

Cortese, Kyle: Football 10-12; Letterman's Club 10-12
 Covaciu, Donald: Football 9-11; HERO 12, Letterman's Club 10, 11
 Craft, Christopher: HERO 12, Swimming 10-12
 Cruz, Matthew: Academic Super Bowl 11, 12; Academic Decathlon 11, 12; LEAD 12; Orchestra 12; Spring Musical 9-12
 Culver, Shelby: Golf 9; Spanish Club 9-11

Cygan, Rebecca: Cheerleading 9, 10; Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Concert 12; Mixed Show 11, 12; Girls' Show 10; Fall Play 11, 12; French Club 9, 10; HERO 12; Key Club 9; One Acts 11, 12; Spring Musical 10-12; Thespians 10-12
 Danno, Amy: German Club 9, 11; Peer Tutor: 9, 10
 Danno, Katherine
 Darnell, Samantha: Dance Team 9; Spanish Club 9, 10
 Davidson, Thomas

Davis, Kevin
 Davis, Matthew
 DeBoth, Adam: Fr. Band 9; Concert Band 10; Marching Band 9, 10; Pep Band 9, 10; Choir 11, 12; Mixed 11; Concert 12; Dare Role Models 10-12; Fall Play 9-11; Japanese Club 9-12; Key Club 9-12 (Vice President 12); NHS 11, 12; One Acts 9-11; Spring Musical 9-11; Student Council 11, 12 (Class Secretary 12); Thespians 10-12; Track 9
 Dejanovic, Mladen: Excalibur 11; Wrestling 9
 DeLaughter, Hannah: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11, 12; Mixed 10; Girls' Show 12; Fall Play 9-12; FCA 9-12; Key Club 10; One Acts 9, 11; Spanish Club 10; Spring Musical 9-12; Student Council 12; Thespians 11, 12

Dines, Rachel: Cheerleading 9, 10; French Club 9-11; Spanish Club 11
 DiPizio, Jordan: Spanish Club 9
 Dobbins, Ryan: Latin Club 9-11; Letterman's Club 11; Soccer 9-12; Track 11, 12
 Donoff, Michael
 Doppler, Craig: Fr. Band 9; Concert Band 10, 11; Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9, 11, 12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 12; Fall Play 12; Orchestra 12; Spring Musical 9-12; Thespians 12

Downes, Daniel: Football 9-12; Key Club 10; Letterman's Club 12
 Dravga, Kelsey: Choir 11, 12; Treble 12; Mixed 11; Diving 9-12 (Captain 12) Fall Play 11, 12; GVC 9-12; Homecoming Court 10, 12; Latin Club 9-11; LEAD 12; NHS 11, 12; One Acts 10-12; Thespians 11, 12;
 Dvojaski, Dominique: Fr. Band 9; Concert Band 10-12; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; GVC 9-12; NHS 11, 12; Student Council 11, 12; Track 9-12; Swimming 9-12 (Manager) Dykstra, John: Baseball 9, 10; Latin Club 9-11; NHS 11, 12; Swimming 12; Wrestling 9-11
 Dziolowski, Matthew: Football 9-11



Eberly, Trisha: Cheerleading 9, 10, 12; Choir 9, 10; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 10; Gymnastics 9-12 (Captain 11, 12); GVC 9-12; Peer Tutors 10; Track 9-10
 Einikis, Natalie: Athletics Council 12; Boys' & Girls' State 10; Cheerleading 9-12; Choir 9; Fr. Girls' 9; Excalibur 11; GVC 9-12;
 Ellis, Mary: Marching Band 11; Fr. Girls' 9; Mixed 10; German Club 12; Latin Club 9-11; Orchestra 9-12; Spring Musical 9, 12;
 Ellsworth Jr., Robert: Machine Shop Club 12
 Esper, Juan: Spanish Club 9, 10



Fallon, Joseph: Golf 11; Latin Club 9-12; NHS 11, 12
 Favor, Simone: Choir 10-12; Treble 11; Mixed 10, 12; Concert 12; Mixed Show 10-12; Dance Team 9-12; Diving 10; GVC 9-12; Homecoming Court 12; Key Club 12; NHS 11, 12; One Acts 12; Orchestra 9; Spring Musical 10-12; Student Council (Treasurer 9, Vice President 12); Thespians 11, 12; Track 10, 12
 Feliciano, Marissa: Academic Decathlon 11; Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Concert 12; Girls' Show 12; Fall Play 9, 10; Key Club 9; Spanish Club 9; Spring Musical 11, 12; Student Council 9, 10; Track 9
 Fenn, Marisa
 Ferrara, Anthony



Ferry, Sarah: Cheerleading 9-12; Choir 9-11; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Homecoming Court 12; Key Club 9-12 (President 12); NHS 11, 12; Spanish Club 9; Student Council 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10
 Finick, Sam
 Fitchau, Alexandra: GVC 9-12; Soccer 9-12
 Fleming, Aaron: Boys' & Girls' State 11; Choir 9-12; Mixed 9-11; Concert 12; Fall Play 9-12; One Acts 9-12; Spring Musical 9-12; Thespians 10-12
 Flaszewski, Elizabeth: Fall Play 12; LEAD 12; Orchestra 9-12; Robotics Club 10-12 (Captain 10-12); SADD 10, 11; Spring Musical 12; Tech Club 9-11 (Secretary 9, President 10, 11)



Fogho, Staci
 Fontanyi, Trisha: Peer Tutors 10, 11
 Ford, Kacie: Soccer 9-11
 Foster, Sarah
 Fugle, Brian: Wrestling 9-12



Frampton, DJ: Book Club 11, 12; Fall Play 10-12; Orchestra 9-12; Spanish Club 9; Spring Musical 10-12; Thespians 11, 12
 Fredericks, David
 Frey, Elizabeth: Dance Team 9; FCA 9, 10; Peer Tutors 9, 10; Spanish Club 9, 10; Student Council 9, 10 (Secretary 10)
 Fulmer, Laiken: HERO 12
 Galik, Amanda



John Lanigan

HE WROTE TO INSPIRE
HE WROTE TO INFORM
HE WROTE TO EXPRESS

"I wanted to put my creativity to good use and put it into words," John Lanigan said about his book, *Equator*. John found inspiration to write his book when both his aunt and grandpa struggled through and died of cancer. Lanigan believed that he could teach others about the lessons that he had discovered through their deaths by writing his book. "What I hoped to get across to the reader was that life isn't always fair and that karma doesn't always occur. Bad things happen to good people; good things can happen to bad people," Lanigan said.

Equator focused on two dozen characters and how they were all connected to one another in some way. "My book has mystery, science fiction, realism, drama, and interesting relationship turns," Lanigan said. He wrote his book three times before he deemed it perfect. After approximately 27 months, the book was finally complete. He plans on publishing his book and eventually making a sequel that connects with the characters in *Equator*.

Writing *Equator* also gave Lanigan the opportunity to discover what he wants to do for his future occupation. "My goal is to become a famous author that publishes books that people can relate to and be inspired by," Lanigan said. "I hope to make an impact on my readers in a positive light through *Equator* and by my other future books." His triumphant literary feat will undoubtedly inspire others.

-By MILIJANA TRISIC

Portrait of an officer



"I became a class officer to make sure that the thoughts, ideas, and concerns of the senior class were being heard."

KYLE LAND (PRESIDENT)



"[A significant aspect of being a leader] is involving others in causes that are influential within the school and community."

SIMONE FAVOR (VICE PRESIDENT)



"[The most important aspect of being a leader] is being willing to do what it takes and to stick with it."

ADAM DeBOTH (SECRETARY)



"Being a class officer is a great way to figure out if a person is a good leader or capable of [having] a leadership position."

NIKKOLE STAGOWSKI (TREASURER)

Gallas, Sara: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 12; Mixed 10; Concert 12; Fall Play 11,12;
LEAD 12; NHS 11,12; One Acts 11,12; Soccer 9,10; Spring Musical 10-12; Student Council 12; Thespians 11,12 (Vice President 12)
Galvan, Nicholas
Gambini, Michael
Gaout, Jeri
Garcia-Vicente, Florencia: Basketball 9-12; GVC 9-12; Soccer 9-12; Student Council 10, 11



Gardner, Madeline
Gasaway, Kaitlin: French Club 9; HERO 12; SADD 12
Gaston, Taylor: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11,12; Mixed 10
Cerdeña, Eric
Gernenz, Brittany



Golob, Justin: Fr. Band 9; Concert Band 10-12; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Baseball 11,12 (Manager); Book Club 10; Football 9; German Club 9,10; Swimming 10 (Manager)
Gonzalez, Anthony: Art Club 10, 11; Chess Club 12
Granger, Courtney
Granko, Mark: Football 9-11; Japanese Club 10, 11; Wrestling 9-11
Grant, Ashley: HERO 12



Crimmett, Ashley
Grubrich, Clare: Basketball 9-12; Volleyball 9, 10
Guard, Jessica: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11,12; Mixed 10; FCA 9, 10; French Club 9, 10; NHS 12
Gullet, Lauren
Gulvas, Kara: Basketball 9, 10; GVC 9-12; Soccer 9-12; Softball 9-12



Gyure, Chelsea: Golf 9-12; GVC 11,12; Japanese Club 9-12; Key Club 11,12; Kiwanis 9,10; LEAD 12; NHS 11,12; Peer Tutors 12; Rotarians 12; Showtime 11; Speech 10,11; Spring Musical 12
Gyure, Steven: Art Club 12; Fr. Band 9; Concert Band 10,11; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 11,12; Symphonic Band 12
Halsted, Amanda: Gymnastics 9-12; GVC 9-12; Peer Tutors 10; Tennis 9-12
Hard, Kevin
Harnois, Samantha: Dance Team 9-12; GVC 9-12; Track 9, 10



Harth, Cortney: GVC 11, 12; HERO 12; Marine Biology Club 9; Soccer 9-12
Hasse, Lindsay: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Concert 12; Mixed Show 11,12; Girls' Show 10; Fall Play 11,12; FCA 9; LEAD 12; NHS 11,12; One Acts 10-12; Rotarians 12; Spanish Club 9; Spring Musical 10-12; Thespians 11,12; Volleyball 9
Haverstock, Nathan: Basketball 9; Football 9-12; Track 9-12
Hawkins, Thomas
Haynes, Ryan





Hayes, Megan: *Orchestra* 9-12; *Track* 10
 Haywood, William: *Football* 9-12
 Helmreich, Tyler
 Henderson, Nicholas: *Football* 9-11
 Higgins, Aaron

Higgins, Jr., Timothy: *Academic Super Bowl* 12; *NHS* 11, 12
 Hiller, Bradley: *LEAD* 12; *NHS* 11, 12; *Orchestra* 9-12; *Chamber Orchestra* 10-12; *Relinquents* 12; *Soccer* 9; *Spanish Club* 9-11; *Track* 9, 11, 12; *Hraby, Brooke: GVC* 9-12; *LEAD* 12; *SADD* 12 (*Vice President* 12); *Soccer* 9-12; *Spanish Club* 9
 Hruska, Kurtis: *Japanese Club* 9
 Hubbell, Stephen: *Choir* 9-12; *Mixed* 9, 10; *Concert* 11, 12; *QYP* 11, 12; *HERO* 12; *Latin Club* 9, 11; *Spring Musical* 12; *Swimming* 9, 10

Hultz, Kaitlyn: *Basketball* 9; *Softball* 9, 10
 Ignas, Rachel: *Cheerleading* 9, 10, 12; *Excalibur* 11; *GVC* 9, 10, 12; *LEAD* 12; *Manne Biology Club* 10; *Peer Tutors* 10; *SADD* 10; *Spanish Club* 9, 10; *Student Council* 9-12
 Jabarin, Amjed: *Color Guard* 10, 11; *German Club* 9, 10; *Orchestra* 9-12; *Spring Musical* 9, 12; *Tech Club* 9-11 (*Treasurer* 11)
 Jakubczak, Steven
 Jaranowski, Hannah: *Boys' & Girls' State* 12 (*Senator* 12); *GVC* 11, 12; *Kiwaniis* 9-12; *Latin Club* 9-11; *LEAD* 12; *NHS* 12; *Orchestra* 9-12
 Soccer 9-12; *Student Council* 9-12 (*Student Body Secretary* 12); *Tennis* 9

Jenkins, Sarah
 Jin, Esther: *Academic Decathlon* 11, 12; *Japanese Club* 10-12; *Key Club* 11; *NHS* 12; *Peer Tutors* 11, 12; *Student Council* 12; *Track* 10
 Johnsen, Nicholas: *Fr. Band* 9; *Marching Band* 9; *Pep Band* 9
 Johnson, Pascal
 Johnson, Ronald: *Football* 9, 10

Jones, Bradley: *Excalibur* 11, 12; *Football* 9-12; *Peer Tutors* 9; *Track* 9-12; *Wrestling* 9
 Jones, Nicholas: *Choir* 9-12; *Mixed* 9, 10; *Concert* 11, 12; *Football* 9-12; *Letterman's Club* 9-12; *Wrestling* 9
 Kabella, Nicholas: *Football* 9-12; *Letterman's Club* 10-12; *Track* 9-12
 Kaminsky, Brittany
 Kamleh, Haneen: *French Club* 10, 11; *Speech* 11

Kats, Samantha: *Cheerleading* 9-11; *Homecoming Court* 12
 Keilman, Katherine: *Latin Club* 9-12 (*Vice President* 12); *LEAD* 12; *NHS* 11, 12; *Orchestra* 9-12; *Speech* 10-12; *Spell Bowl* 10-12; *Student Council* 11
 Kepchar, Katherine: *French Club* 10; *HERO* 12;
 Kish, Kevin
 Koch, Courtney: *Marching Band* 9; *Latin Club* 9, 10



SUBMITTED BY C. MOSTELLO

CHRISTOPHER MOSTELLO

Imagine being backstage at a catwalk; flashes of bulbs blinding you from behind the curtain and world famous designers only inches away from you. This was what aspiring designer, Christopher Mostello, strived for as he filled out the application for the Passion for Fashion contest.

"It was a national competition for fashion students who planned to attend the Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago," Mostello said. He had applied in August and heard about the contest from his assistant director of admissions. "I had to create a full evening gown, or

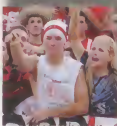
basically a complete red carpet look," he said. However, the prize would be well worth the hard work. "I became involved in it because I would have a chance to win a trip to the spring/summer 2008 fashion week and win a full ride to the ILIA," he said.

He hoped that the contest would help him to achieve his goals. "I was ecstatic because it would help to jump-start my career in the fashion industry," Mostello said. Surely, Mostello's creations will be seen on the catwalk next to the famous designers of tomorrow.

By HEATHER BRIDGON

Portrait of a senior

"MY FAVORITE ASPECT OF BEING A SENIOR IS KNOWING THAT IT'S MY LAST YEAR."



Niles Affliction



Amanda Kalazzi

"MY FAVORITE MEMORIES ARE ALL THE TIMES I'VE SPENT WITH MY FRIENDS. IT'S TOO HARD TO PICK JUST ONE."

"YOU KNOW YOU'RE A SENIOR WHEN YOU CATCH THE DEADLY DISEASE SENIORITIS."



Kyle May

62% OF STUDENTS SURVEYED FROM THE SENIOR CLASS PREFERRED UNASSIGNED PARKING IN COMPARISON TO ASSIGNED PARKING FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.



PHOTO BY B. BRIDGON

SAM FINICK

Lights. Camera. Action! These words are said by film producers and directors, but may not have been expected from a student. However, for Sam Finick, this was not the case. Finick began making skits, music videos, and short movies at a young age. "I was in the fifth grade when a camera first fell into my hands, and ever since then I've been a big fan of making movies," Finick said. Finick made videos whenever he found inspiration. Most of

his ideas stemmed from his surroundings. "I got my ideas from everyday life; I saw a crazy situation, I heard a good song, I saw a good movie, or even just hanging out with my friends was an inspiration," he said. Finick enjoyed just having fun, but he may look into a career in filming later on. "I'd like to take my filming to the next level. I was looking into careers that involved filming, but for now I'm content," Finick said. By HEATHER BRIDGON



Kolovo, Rachel: Fr. Band 9; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Cross Country 9-12; GVC 9-12; Japanese Club 9-10; Orchestra 10-12; Spell Bowl 11-12; Spring Musical 9-12; Swimming 9-12; Track 9-11
 Kollak, Amanda: Fr. Band 9, 12 (Instructor) 12; Concert Band 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10-12; Pep Band 9-11; Cross Country 9; Dare Role Models 9-12; Kiwanians 9-10; NHS 12; Orchestra 10-12; Softball 9; Spring Musical 9-12
 Konicki, Jordan: Spanish Club 9
 Kool, Jeremy: Baseball 9-12; Wrestling 9-12
 Korseniewski, Chase: Athletic Council 12; FCA 9-10; French Club 9-10; Golf 10; Key Club 9-10; Letterman's Club 11-12; SADD 9-12; Tennis 9-12; Track 11

Korseniewski, Joseph
 Koutouvas, Eleni: French Club 9-12; Kiwanians 9; NHS 12
 Koutouvas, Katerina: French Club 9-12; NHS 12
 Kowalczyk, Nicholas: Academic Super Bowl 11-12; Kiwanians 9-12; NHS 11, 12
 Kozlowski, Michael: Baseball 9-12; Football 9-12 (Captain) 12; LEAD 12; Rotarians 12

Krinakis, Ermioni: Basketball 9
 Kubascik, Erica
 Kujawski, Kyle: Excalibur 11, 12 (Editor-in-chief) 12; Key Club 10; LEAD 12; NHS 11, 12; Rotarians 12; Spanish Club 9; Windfall 12
 Kukurugya, Matthew: Art Club 9-12; Bowling 9; French Club 11; Latin Club 9-12; Showtime 11; Swimming 9-12
 Kulpa, Luke: Baseball 9-12; Football 9; Spanish Club 9

Kuprena, Kimberly: Cheerleading 10; HERO 12
 Kvachkoff, Christine: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 10; Concert 11-12; Mixed Show 11-12; Girls' Show 10; Fall Play 9-12; French Club 9-10; LEAD 12; NHS 12; One Acts 10-12; Rotarians 12; Spring Musical 9-12; Thespians 10-12; Volleyball 9-12
 Laboski, Gabriela: Fr. Band 9; Marching Band 9; Pep Band 9; Showtime 12; Swimming 9-11
 Ladendorf, Thomas: Academic Super Bowl 11-12; Academic Decathlon 12; Fr. Band 9-10; Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Choir 12; Concert 12; LEAD 12; NHS 11-12; Spell Bowl 11; Spring Musical 10-12
 Ladowicz, Elizabeth: Cheerleading 9; GVC 10-12; Peer Tutors 9; Spanish Club 9; Spring Musical 11-12; Track 10-12; Volleyball 9-12

Lakich, Christopher: Basketball 9, 11, 12; Football 9, 11, 12
 LaMantia, Samantha: Salutatorian; Athletic Council 12 (Secretary) 12; Boys & Girls' State 12; Choir 9-11; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; GVC 9-12; Kiwanians 9-12; NHS 11-12; Student Council 12; Swimming 9-12 (Captain 11, 12); Volleyball 9-10
 Lamb, Katelyn: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 10; Mixed 11; Concert 12
 Lambert, Anne: Choir 10; GVC 10-12; Soccer 9-12
 Lambert, Nicholas: Showtime 11

Lamborg, Mark: Chess Club 11; HERO 12; Spring Musical 9
 LaMere, Lance: Football 9-12; Homecoming Court 12; Letterman's Club 9-12; Rotarians 12; Showtime 11; Track 9, 10
 Land, Kyle: Choir 9-12; Mixed 9; Concert 10-12; Mixed Show 10-12; OEP 11-12; Dare Role Models 11-12; Fall Play 11-12; FCA 9; Football 9-12; Insignia Club 12; Latin Club 9-11; LEAD 12; Letterman's Club 11-12; NHS 11-12; One Acts 10-12; Rotarians 12; Spring Musical 10-12; Student Council 10-12 (Class President) 12; Thespians 10-12; Track 9; Wrestling 9
 Landers, Kelly: Choir 9-10; Fr. Girls' 9; Mixed 10; German Club 9; Key Club 9-10, 12; Kiwanians 9; NHS 11-12; Orchestra 9-12; Soccer 9; Spanish Club 10-11; Student Council 11, 12
 Langlie-Lesnik, Chelsea

Lanigan, John: Book Club 10; Choir 12; Mixed 12; Fall Play 11; One Acts 10; Showtime 11; Spring Musical 11; Thespians 11,12;
Lankas, Michael
Lauco, David: Latin Club 10, Peer Tutors 10, 11
Lawson, Sarah: Bowling 9-12; German Club 10; HERO 12; Robotics 10;
Spanish Club 9
Lee, Jeremy: Choir 9-12; Mixed 9-12; Concert 12



Lemaich, Kassandra: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11,12; Mixed 10; Peer Tutors 10,12; Tennis 9,10
Lewis, Mallorie: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11,12; Mixed 10; Debate 11; French Club 11,12; Latin Club 9-12;
Lightfoot, Jessica: Fall Play 9-11; German Club 9,10; GVC 10-12; Softball 9-12; Spring Musical 9-12; Thespians 10-12
Linaris, Leanna: French Club 9-11; HERO 12
Lionberger, Ashley: GVC 9-12; Key Club 11,12; Swimming 9-12; Volleyball 9,10



Lipton, Michael: Basketball 9-12; Dog Crew 9-12; Football 9-12; Letterman's Club 9-12; Soccer 9-12
Liscan, Samantha: Art Club 9; Japanese Club 9; Tech. Club 9
Long, Joshua: Kiwanians 9; Trainers 9-12
Love, Jordan
Lowe, Staci: Peer Tutors 11, 12



Lowry, Jordan: Cross Country 9-11, Track 9-11

Luebcke, Brandon: HERO 12; NHS 11,12
Luebcke, Michael: Fr. Band 9; Concert Band 10,11; Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 12; Spring Musical 10,12
Luketic, Taylor: Tennis 9,10
Maddalone, Mallory: GVC 10-12; Orchestra 9; Peer Tutors 9,10; Showtime 11; Softball 9-12; Student Council 10; Volleyball 9



Maglish, Samantha: Golf 9; Key Club 11,12; Latin Club 9; NHS 11,12; Softball 10,11
Majszak, Amber
Maloney, Maegen: Basketball 9-12
Manes, Joshua: Cross Country 9; Letterman's Club 9-12; Showtime 10; Spanish Club 9; Wrestling 9-12
Manley, Joseph



Manley, Rebecca: Choir 9-11; Fr. Girls' 9; Mixed 10,11; Color Guard 10-12; Japanese Club 10; Key Club 9
Mantel, Charles
Markle, Austin: HERO 12
Marshall, Kyle: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9,10,12
Martin, Alison: Academic Super Bowl 10-12; Academic Decathlon 11,12; Fr. Band 9; Marching Band 9; Pep Band 9; Color Guard 10-12; French Club 9-12; NHS 11,12; Showtime 11,12





Martin, Amanda
 Martin, Nicholas: HERO 12
 Martinez, Jessica: Basketball 9-11; GVC 9-12;
 Softball 9-12
 Mattimore, John
 Matura, Priscilla

Maxwell, Elizabeth
 Maxwell, Rebekah: Academic Super Bowl 11;
 Academic Decathlon 11,12; French Club 12
 May, Kyle: Basketball 9; Baseball 9; Football
 9; Golf 12
 McLaughlin, Sara
 Mendez, Aaron

Miller, Kyle: Art Club 9,10; Spanish Club 9,10
 Mirabella, Nicholas: HERO 12
 Miranda, Maria: Peer Tutors 11,12; Spanish
 Club 12
 Mishevich, Matthew: Basketball 9; Golf 9-12;
 Letterman's Club 9-12
 Mittler, Leah: Key Club 12; Spanish Club 12;
 Swimming 11; Track 11,12

Modglin, Jessica: Cheerleading 9-12; Gymnas-
 tics 10; Orchestra 9; Rotarians 12
 Montoya, Juan
 Morfin, Ashley: Mixed 11; GVC 9-12;
 Homecoming Court 9; LEAD 12; SADD 10,12
 (President 12); Soccer 9-12; Spanish Club
 10,11; Student Council (Class President 9-11);
 Track 10
 Morin, Brendan: Athletic Council 12; Fr. Band
 9; Concert Band 10; Marching Band 9,10; Boys'
 & Girls' State 11; Homecoming Court 10; Latin
 Club 9,11; Letterman's Club 9-12; NHS 11,12;
 Rotarians 12; Showtime 9,10; Swimming 9-12;
 Track 9-11
 Morineski, Alexandra

Mostello, Christopher: Spanish Club 9-12;
 Student Council 12
 Mueller, Kaleigh: Cheerleading 9-12; Choir
 9-11; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Fall Play
 9-12; Spring Musical 9-12
 Mustermann, Stephen: Boys & Girls' State
 11; Football 9-12; Japanese Club 9; Letterman's
 Club 11,12; Showtime 12; Track 10-12
 Musleh, Noor
 Myers, Mark: Boys' & Girls' State 11,12; Dare
 Role Models 11,12; Escalibur 11,12; Football
 9-12; Japanese Club 9; Letterman's Club 9-12;
 Rotarians 12; Wrestling 9-12

Naumoski, Violeta: HERO 12; Swimming 9
 Nelson, Jerret: Soccer 9-12
 Nikrin, Evan: Baseball 9-12; Football 9-12;
 Letterman's Club 10-12; NHS 11,12
 Noak, Andrew: Academic Super Bowl 10
 German Club 9,10
 Nochevich, Nicole: HERO 12

Nottingham, Joshua: Baseball 9-12; Letterman's Club 12; Spanish Club 9
 Nowak, Adam: Basketball 9-12 (Manager); Letterman's Club 10-12; NHS 11,12; Soccer 9-12; Spanish Club 9
 Nowak, Rachel: Cheerleading 9; Orchestra 9-12; Soccer 9-12; Spring Musical 10-12
 O'Conner, Michael: Baseball 9-11; Cross Country 9; Letterman's Club 11
 Ogan, Jason



Olson, Rachel: Choir 9-11; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Cross Country 9-12; GVC 9; Track 9-12
 Ossajnicki, Daniel: Football 9-12; Homecoming Court 12; Letterman's Club 10-12
 Otte, Paul: Basketball 9-12 (Manager)
 Palfi, Jessica: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11,12; Mixed 10; Fall Play 9-12; GVC 9-12; Spring Musical 9-12; Trainers 9-12
 Palmetteer, Zachary: Soccer 9,10,12



Papamihalakis, Kathryn: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Concert 11,12; GVC 11,12; One Acts 10-12; Soccer 9-12; Spring Musical 10-12; Thespians 11,12
 Parks, David: Showtime 12; Swimming 12
 Parks, MaryBeth: Basketball 9,10; French Club 9-11; Key Club 11,12 (Secretary 12); Volleyball 9,10
 Patton, Daniel
 Pazzi, Nicholas



Pierce, Dustin
 Richford, Travis: Bowling 10-12
 Pitman, Nolan
 Plummer, Haley: Dance Team 11,12; GVC 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Track 9-12
 Pogorzelski, Jeremy: Football 9-12; French Club 11; Latin Club 9; Letterman's Club 10-12; Track 9; Wrestling 9-12



Polus, Samantha: Basketball 9-11; GVC 9-12; HERO 12; Key Club 12; Track 9; Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 12)
 Pontatowski, Katherine: Key Club 9; Peer Tutors 12; Spanish Club 9; Spring Musical 10; Track 10, 12
 Powers, Stephen
 Pusara, Nikola: Basketball 9-12; Dare Role Models 12; Football 9,10; Golf 9,10; Letterman's Club 11,12; SADD 12
 Qualizza, Kyle: Basketball 9,10,12; Baseball 9,10; Dog Crew 12; Football 9-12; Letterman's Club 11,12; Track 11,12



Qualizza, Ryan: Athletic Council 12; Golf 9-12; Latin Club 9-12; Letterman's Club 10-12; NHS 11,12
 Raab, Nicholas
 Rash, Cody: Football 9; German Club 12; Spanish Club 10
 Raspopovich, Molly: Athletic Council 12 (Vice President 12); GVC 9-12; Marine Biology Club 9; Rotarians 12; Swimming 9-12; Volleyball 9,10
 Rather, Kelsey: GVC 9-12; Peer Tutors 9-12; SADD 12; Softball 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11



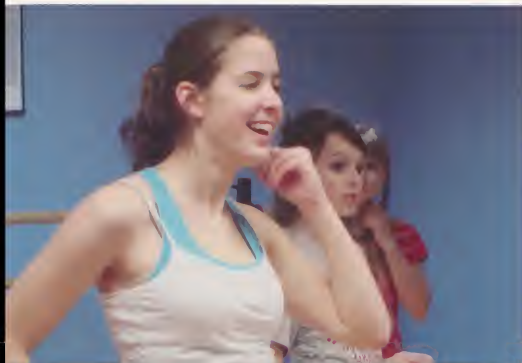


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Mandy Rattazzi

DANCED HER WAY THROUGH LIFE
INFLUENCED THE YOUTH OF TODAY
AND STILL HAD TIME FOR AP CLASSES

From the moment we are born, we are influenced by the people around us. As we grow older, we find a few special people who not only influence us, but inspire us. Mandy Rattazzi worked hard to be that inspiration for young girls ages 7-13. Taking advantage of her dance and gymnastics training, she taught these children hip-hop and break dancing at The Dance Factory in Crown Point. "I loved teaching these kids because they were so eager to learn and they constantly reminded you just how much fun it could be to dance," Rattazzi said.

Rattazzi, dancing since the seventh grade, was fully prepared to help these children grow in their abilities. However, teaching children goes beyond dance moves, "It was important to teach the children not only how to dance, but also how to be comfortable with themselves and have confidence in everything they did," she said. She showed her students that confidence and dedication could lead to great things. "One of my most memorable moments will always be seeing the looks on all of my girls' faces when they finished learning their first routine," Rattazzi said, "They were all so proud of themselves and what they could do, as was I." The question is, will this experience lead to others in the future? "I would love to continue doing this in the future, but it'll be hard to find a studio wherever I end up that will let me teach." Well, whatever path the future holds, she will always be able to know that she helped make a difference. -BY ERIN HANEY

Tom Ladendorf

PLAYED EIGHT INSTRUMENTS
COMPOSED HIS OWN SONG
AND BECAME HEAD DRUM MAJOR

The audience was quiet, the band was all set, and head drum major, Tom Ladendorf, was waiting to guide the royal regiment through the half time show. With the ability to play eight instruments under his belt, including the musical saw, guitar, and drums, and compose an entire song for the jazz band, Ladendorf was more than qualified to have this prestigious position. "It's cool. It's a different perspective, and you have to think in an entirely different way," he said.

Ladendorf started his musical career with the trumpet when he was twelve and had carried that with him throughout high school. He got the opportunity to learn music through a friend who introduced him. At first, he was taught how to play the saxophone, but soon switched. "It just stuck," he said.

Influence is a major contributor to the musical world, and in Ladendorf's case, it was no different. He considered, "All the people that have supported me and the great musicians of the past. Without the people that have supported me, I would not be playing music. Without the past musicians, there would be no music." After descending from the drum major podium, Ladendorf planned to pursue music professionally; but if that doesn't work, he would like to go into teaching. -BY ALI ZABERDAG



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Rattazzi, Amanda: Academic Decathlon 11,12;
Dance Team 9-11; Latin Club 9-12; LEAD 12;
NHS 11,12; Orchestra 9-12
Ravello, Joshua: Baseball 9, 10
Redenbaugh, Miranda: Choir 9,10; Fr. Girls'
9; Mixed 10; French Club 9-12
Reese, Lindsey
Reeves, Sydnee: Basketball 9-12; GVC 9-12;
Student Council 9,10



Reynolds, Cody
Riggle, Cody: Choir 11; Mixed 11; Football
9,10; Peer Tutors 10; Spanish Club 9; Spring
Musical 11; Track 9
Righter, Taylor
Rivera, Margaret: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9;
Trebble 11; Mixed 10; Concert 12; Latin Club
9-11
Roberts, Cody



Rodriguez, Alexanderya: German Club 11;
Spanish Club 11
Rolf, Lindsey: Dance Team 9,10; French Club
9-11; HERO 12
Rose, Jessica: Fr. Band 9; Marching Band
9,10; Pep Band 9,10; Symphonic Band 10;
Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11,12; Mixed
10; Mixed Show 11,12; Girls' Show 10; Color
Guard 9,10; Dog Crew 9-12; Fall Play 12;
Spring Musical 11,12
Rosenbaum, Jake: Wrestling 9, 11
Ruble, Stefanie



Russ, Courtney: Fr. Band 9; Concert Band
10-12; Marching Band 9,10,12; Pep Band 9,10;
Cheerleading 11; FCA 11,12; Orchestra 9; Peer
Tutors 10,12
Russell, Hanley: Escalibur 11; French Club 9;
Swimming 10,11
Ryan, Brianne: Peer Tutors 9-12; Spanish
Club 9,10
Ryan, Nicholas: Football 9,10; Orchestra 9;
Peer Tutors 12
Rybolt, Michael



Saddler, Jesse
Sager, Stephanie: Choir 9-11; Fr. Girls' Choir
9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Marine Biology Club
10; Spanish Club 9; Tennis 9-11
Salazar, Christina
Salmi, Gavin
Samano, Brittany: Peer Tutors 10,11; SADD
11,12; Spanish Club 9,10



Sams-Vitalone, Emily
Sanjay, Erin: Tennis 9
Sapita, Kimberly: Art Club 9,10; French Club
9-11; GVC 10-12; HERO 12; Key Club 9; One
Act 10; Peer Tutors 9,10; Rotarians 12; SADD
10,11; Volleyball 9-12
Sarnacki, Jaclyn: Basketball 9-11; French
Club 9-11
Schillo, Gregory: Football 9-12; Letterman's
Club 10-12





Schumann, Jeremy
Schuster, Braden: *Athletic Council* 12;
Basketball 9-12; Choir 9; Mixed 9; Dog Crew
9-12; French Club 9-10; Key Club 9-12; Lett-
erman's Club 10-12; NHS 11,12; Soccer 9-12;
Track 9-12
Schweitzer, Rebecca: Choir 9; Fr. Girl's Choir
9; Dog Crew 9-12; French Club 9-12; Key Club
9-11; LEAD 12; Orchestra 9-12; Peer Tutors
9-10; Rotarians 12; SADD 10,11; Showtime
11,12; Spanish Club 9-11; Track 9
Schwuchow, Margaret: Cross Country 9-12;
GVC 9-12; NHS 11; Track 9-12
Scibbe, Andrew

Scott, Kristen: Fall Play 10
Seils, Lauren: Basketball 9-11; GVC 11; Span-
ish Club 9
Sekuloski, Nicole: Book Club 11,12; Fall Play
12; Inklings 12; Key Club 9; NHS 12; Spring
Musical 12; Tech. Club 11;
Sterenza, Sarah: HERO 12
Shaffer, Samantha: Peer Tutors 12

Shearer, Stephen: *Valedictorian*; *Academic*
Super Bowl 10-12; NHS 11,12; Rotarians 12;
Chess Club 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11
Shaffer, Holly: Fr. Band 9, 12 (Instructor
12); Concert Band 12; Marching Band 9-12;
Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Color
Guard 10-12 (Captain 11,12); Dog Crew 11;
Fall Play 10; French Club 10-12; GVC 9-12;
Gymnastics 9-12 (Captain 11,12); Latin Club 9;
Spring Musical 10-12; Thespians 12
Shrewsbury, Marcus: *Athletic Council* 12;
Baseball 9; Football 9-12; Letterman's Club
9-12; Wrestling 9-12
Smith, Brooke: Key Club 9, 11, 12; NHS 12;
SADD 12; Spanish Club 9
Smith, Chasity: Softball 9-11; Volleyball 9

Smith, Jayme: Football 9-12; French Club 9;
Letterman's Club 12; Track 12
Sodo, Kara
Sosa, Corinne
Sosa, Nickalis: HERO 12
Spall, Megan

Spasoff, Michael: German Club 9; Letterman's
Club 12; Soccer 9-12
St Aubin, Trevor
St Myers, Ryan
Stabler, Amanda
Stagowski, Nikkole: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9;
Mixed 10; Treble 11,12; Girls' Show 12; Dance
Team 9-11; Key Club 9-11; NHS 11,12; Spanish
Club 9-11; Spring Musical 10-12; Student Coun-
cil 9-12 (Class Treasurer 12)

Steffek, Sara: Choir 9-11; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble
11; Mixed 10; Dog Crew 9,10
Steffel, Sarah: Latin Club 9; Orchestra 9-12;
Spring Musical 10-12; Tennis 9,10
Stein, Eva
Stelter, Melinda
Stevens, Michael



NATALIE NONOS

In every heart, there is a desire to live a life of joy. For Natalie Nonos, this joy comes from peer tutoring special needs students. "There's just something about the kids, they became like your brothers and sisters," Nonos said.

Though helping special needs students is fulfilling work, it is not for everyone. "In order to work with special needs students, it's important to be patient and be able to break down the information to them without being someone who looks down on them," she said.

However, with important skills and a kind attitude, the rewards can be well worth

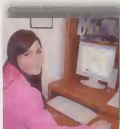
the hard work. "My favorite memory would have to be at the Spring Fling dance my sophomore year," Nonos said. "Even though I went with a date, I also took time to dance with Rob, one of the students. It made my day!"

With memories such as these, it was easy to see why she wanted to continue to do many forms of volunteer work. Nonos said, "At times when I didn't feel like going to school, I just thought about how much I missed the students. Even if I was in the worst mood ever, it would quickly change once I walked into the classroom."

-By ERIN HANLY

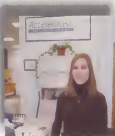
Portrait of a HERO

"SOMEONE WHO CARES ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL AND WORK; A ROLE MODEL WHO BETTERS SOCIETY."



Nicole Nochevitch

"A RESPONSIBLE PERSON WHO WANTS TO TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE STILL GOING THROUGH SCHOOL."



Linsy Brittain

"IT'S A GREAT WAY TO GET CREDITS. PLUS, IT DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH SCHOOL MUCH."



72% SEVENTY-TWO PERCENT OF SENIORS HAVE TO BALANCE THE LOAD OF SCHOOL WORK THEY RECEIVE PLUS THEIR AFTER SCHOOL JOB



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AJ JABARIN

The blaze of the sun's heat, the sound of guns piercing the air, and through it all, a line of soldiers keep moving. . . it is their duty. This is the kind of life AJ Jabarin longs for. "The military aspect in general has influenced me greatly. It's a pretty big desire of mine," Jabarin said.

Going into the Army National Guard, Jabarin spent a lot of time in preparation. "Once a month I was required to train with

the army and I tried to run every morning," he said, "You have to be willing to listen and know you're going to accede your limits."

For most people, this life sounds undesirable. However, for Jabarin, all the hard work was well worth it. He said, "The military is one of the biggest impacts in my life. It's helped me see where I really am going in life." -By ERIN HANLY



Stiener, Justin: Cross Country 11; Student Council 9
Stockman, Nicholas
Stokko, Kyle: Baseball 9-12; Football 11,12;
Latin Club 9-12; Letterman's Club 11,12; NHS
11,12; Shouttime 11;
Stringer, Brandon
Suchorski, Jordan: HERO 12

Susson, Avram: Chess Club 11,12; German Club 11; Japanese Club 11,12; NHS 12; Peer Tutors 12; Student Council 12; Tech. Club 11
Swason, Benjamin: SADD 12
Sykes, Taylor: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girl's Choir 9; Treble 11,12; Mixed 10; Girls' Show 12; Fall Play 11; One Acts 11,12; Shouttime 11; Spring Musical 11,12; Swimming 9; Thespians 11,12; Windfall 12
Symmes, Melissa: Fr. Band 9; Concert Band 10,11; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-11; Symphonic Band 12
Taneska, Milena

Turner, Kacie: Cheerleading 9-11; Treble 11, 12; Mixed 10; Peer Tutors 12
Tants, Stephen: HERO 12
Tarako, Andjela: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Concert 12; Mixed Show 11,12; Girls' Show 10; Fall Play 9-12; GVC 10-12; Indings 10-12 (Entertainment Editor 11); Latin Club 9; NHS 12; One Acts 11; Quill & Scroll 10,11; SADD 12; Spring Musical 9-12; Student Council 12; Thespians 11,12 (Communications Chair 12); Track 10-12
Tarako, Daniela: Athletic Council 12 (President 12); Basketball 9-12; GVC 9-12; Latin Club 9; NHS 12; Rotarians 12; SADD 12
Taylor, Casey: Choir 9-11; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Fall Play 10; French Club 9-11; GVC 9-12; Student Council 10,11; Swimming 9-12

Teesdale-Shera, Edward
Terpstra, Jennifer
Thames, Andrae
Thomas, Abigail: Basketball 9-11; Key Club 11, 12; Kiwanians 9; NHS 12; Volleyball 9
Thomas, Nicholas: Basketball 9; 10; NHS 11, 12

Thurman, Robert
Topp, Kaitlin
Trajcevi, Nikoche
Trisc, Milijana: Choir 9-11; Fr. Girls' Choir 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Cross Country 9-11; Excalibur 10-12 (Sports Editor 11, Managing Editor 12); Kiwanians 9; LEAD 12; NHS 11,12; Quill & Scroll 10-12; Spanish Club 9-12 (Vice President 12); Spill Bowl 11,12; Spring Musical 10; Student Council 10-12; Track 9
Troutman, Sara: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11,12; Mixed 10; Latin Club 9-11; NHS 12; Orchestra 9-12; Spanish Club 12; Spring Musical 11,12

Underwood, Nina: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11, 12; Mixed 10; Spanish Club 9; Student Council 12
Utterback, Nicholas: Spanish Club 10, 11
VanCuren, Amber: HERO 12; Marine Biology Club 10; Track 9
Van Gorp, Alexander: Academic Super Bowl 11,12; Academic Decathlon 9-12; Choir 9; Mixed 9; Improv Club 12; Japanese Club 9-12 (Vice President 11; President 12); LEAD 12; NHS 11,12; One Acts 12; Rotarians 12; Student Council 12; Tech. Club 9; Track 9
Vavrek, Amanda: French Club 9-11; Peer Tutors 10-12

Verbich, Taylor: Excalibur 11, 12 (Clubs Editor 11, Editor-in-Chief 12); Rotary 12; LEAD 12; Quill & Scroll 12;
 Villareal, Alexis: GVC 9-12; NHS 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10; Student Council 9, 10; Track 9-12; Vordanoski, Goran: Basketball 9, 10; Soccer 9, 10
 Wacink, Michelle: GVC 10-12; Key Club 12; Marine Biology Club 11, 12; Showtime 11; Track 9-12; Volleyball 9
 Walden, Scarlett: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11, 12; Mixed 10; Concert 12; Girls' Show 12; One Acts 11; Peer Tutors 12; Spring Musical 12

Walters, Jessica: Choir 9-12; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11, 12; Mixed 10; Fall Play 11, 12; French Club 9; One Acts 11; Peer Tutors 10, 11; Spring Musical 11, 12; Thespians 12
 Waples, Benjamin
 Ward, John: French Club 9, 10; Key Club 9, 10; Soccer 9; Spanish Club 11
 Ward, Neal: Key Club 10, 11; Marine Biology Club 10; Soccer 9; Spanish Club 9-11
 Wasseroth, Lucas: Basketball 9; Spanish Club 9, 10

Wasseroth, Michael: Basketball 9
 Watson, Carday: Letterman's Club 10-12; Soccer 9-12; Track 9
 Weed, Eric
 Weiss, Max: Kiwanians 9-11; SADD 12; Tennis 9-12; Track 11, 12
 Wierdt, Bethany: Art Club 12; Fr. Band 9; Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Fall Play 12; German Club 9, 10, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 12; Peer Tutors 12; Quiz Bowl 12; Spell Bowl 12; Spring Musical 12

White, Samantha: Excalibur Yearbook 12; LEAD 12; Student Council 11, 12 (Treasurer 12); Tech Club 11, 12 (President 12)
 Wialke, Andrew
 Wigmore, Nathan: Football 9; Peer Tutors 10; Wrestling 9
 Wilkening, Danielle: Choir 10-12; Mixed 10-12
 Wilson, Stacey

Wing, Jacob: Excalibur 11, 12 (Ads Manager 12)
 Witt, Brian: Athletic Council 12; Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-12
 Wolack, Jessica: HERO 12
 Wolter, Joseph
 Wood, Wesley: Chess Club 9; Latin Club 9-12 (President 11, Vice President 10); NHS 11, 12; Student Council 12; Tech. Club 9-12

Wring, Kathryn: Choir 9-11; Fr. Girls' Choir 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; German Club 9, 10; Kiwanians 9, 10; NHS 11, 12; Spring Musical 10
 Yokovich, Andrew: Hockey 9-12
 Young, Crystal: Choir 9-11; Fr. Girls' 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Spanish Club 10
 Young, Kirsten
 Zaffino, Anthony: Academic Super Bowl 12; Soccer 9, 10; Track 10





Zavalhydra, Amy
Zbell, Brett
Zervos, Elenti-Choir 9; 10; Fr. Girls' 9; Mixed
10; HERO 12;
Tennis 9-11
Zurbriggen, Matthew: Athletic Council 12;
Basketball 9; Baseball 9-12; Homecoming Court
11; Kiwanians 9; Letterman's Club 10-12;
SADD 12; Spanish Club 11; Student Council
11,12

Class of 2009

not photographed:

Melissa Kathleen Alberico
Scott Edward Alder
Caroline Julia Anderson
Jacob Matthew Anderson
Nicholas Henry Anker II
Ashley Nicole Armalius
James Robert Aultman III
Christian Enrique Avila
Reham Adel Baghdady
Charles Joseph Balmes, Jr.
Brittany Bartz
Arthur Basaldua, Jr.
Eric Christopher Basco
Jonathan David Bellinger
Dana Lynn Bernacchi
Michael Andrew Bishop
Andrew William Bocanegra
Kevin Boyd
Joseph Peter Bratko
Jovan Bujaroski
Jessica Mae Burke
Andrew Donald Calarie
Amber Lea Calhoun
Vincent Canales
Danielle Nicole Chiaro
Michael Quincy Edwar
Chiaro
Kevin Michael Church
Danielle Marie Cook
Wyatt Douglas Cook
Lucas Charles Copeland
Jakob Robert Ealy
Joseph Martin Edgington
Ahmed Said El Shity
Alexis Lindsey Favia
Kara Marie Fitzpatrick
Ross Charles Florkiewicz
Gregory Thomas Foulds
Emily Ann Frundle
Brian Lee Fugate
Stephanie Nicole Fusner
Christopher Ryan Garrett
Nicole Renee Gazbira
Joseph Michael Geter
Bryce Mitchel Gibbs
Brittney Nicole Gilliam
Marko Gjorevski

Maja Gjorgievska
Aleks Gjucinov
Aaron Larry Gonzalez
Eddie Manual Gonzalez, Jr.
Epifanio Galindo Gonzalez
Erica Gutesha
Alyssa Rae Habel
Brandon Alexander Hallis
Kelli Lynn Halon
Ryan Steven Hanes
Nicholas Alvin Harvey
Arthur Jose Hernandez III
Joshua Nicholas Hesser-
Pralle
Michael Ryan Highlan
Lauren Marie Holevis
Alyssa Kathleen Housty
Corey Brandon Humphrey
Gabrielle Lynn Ison
Brittany Marie Iurillo
Nijaz Jahovic
Jaclyn Nicole Johnson
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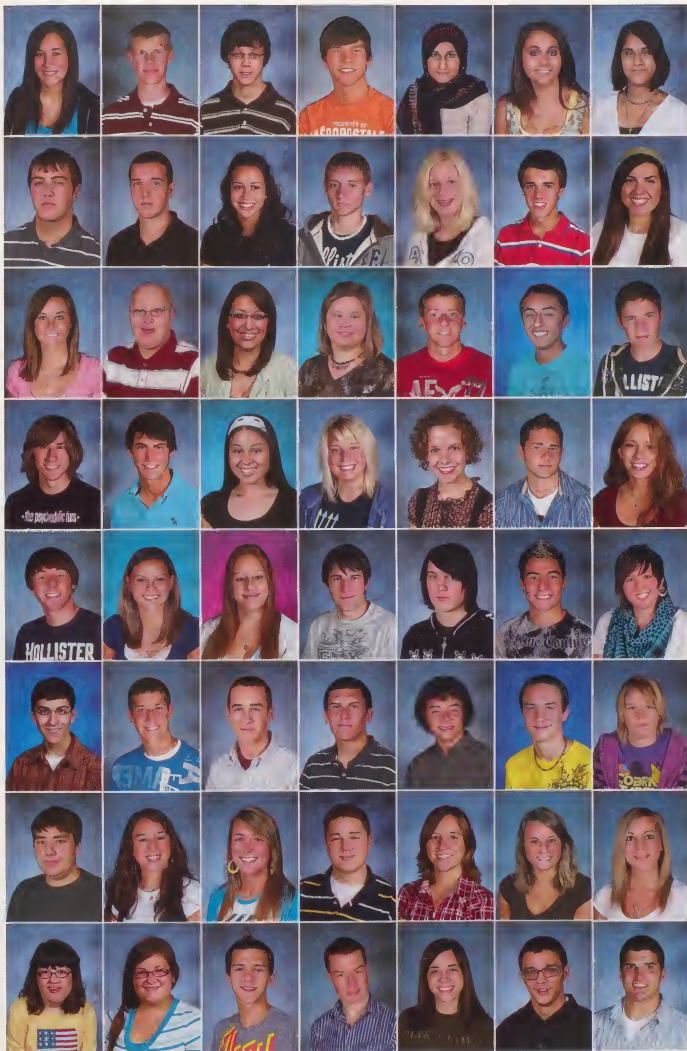
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Claire Bushemi

KNITS FOR HER BEST FRIENDS.

KNITS FOR THE COOL KID (LEFT).

KNITS FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE!

Make knot. Cast on. Bring yarn over and under the tip of the needle. Those simple instructions were for knitting. Knitting could create almost anything from elaborate articles of clothing to useful household items. Although knitting was typically seen as a hobby for old ladies with too many cats, Claire Bushemi took it up for fun. "I knitted a lot of things from cell phone carriers to socks, scarves, and even a hat here and there," Bushemi said.

Claire had been knitting for two years and since then she had collected about fifty needles in the process. "I knitted almost three times a week for about four hours each on those days," Bushemi said.

With all that time spent on knitting, Claire had plenty of finished products. "I usually gave my knitted stuff away as presents to my friends, family, and charity. I even started a box full of knitted clothing articles to give to St. Jude's Children's Hospital," Bushemi said. Claire's grandma inspired Claire to knit and to always give back to the community. "Grandma Pearl always tried to encouraged and to teach me to be a better person," Bushemi said.

With all the interesting things that Bushemi created, one can assume that many of them were very difficult to make. "The most difficult thing I've ever made had to be a blue argyle sweater that I gave away as I present, which took about two-and-half weeks to complete because the pattern was very complicated to master," Bushemi said. -By ALEX PARRISH

Portrait of an officer



"My favorite activity was St. Baldrick's. The amount of money we raised and the support we got was rewarding."

JENNY JACQUES (PRESIDENT)



"I joined because I wanted to be a part of something that helped the whole school, and I met a lot of new people."

NEEDA MALIK (VICE PRESIDENT)



"Student Council allowed me to take part in a lot of stuff. It felt cool to be apart of something that affected the school."

SHELBY HESSER (SECRETARY)



"I loved the people and the activities we did in Student Council. Also, going to the state convention was fun."

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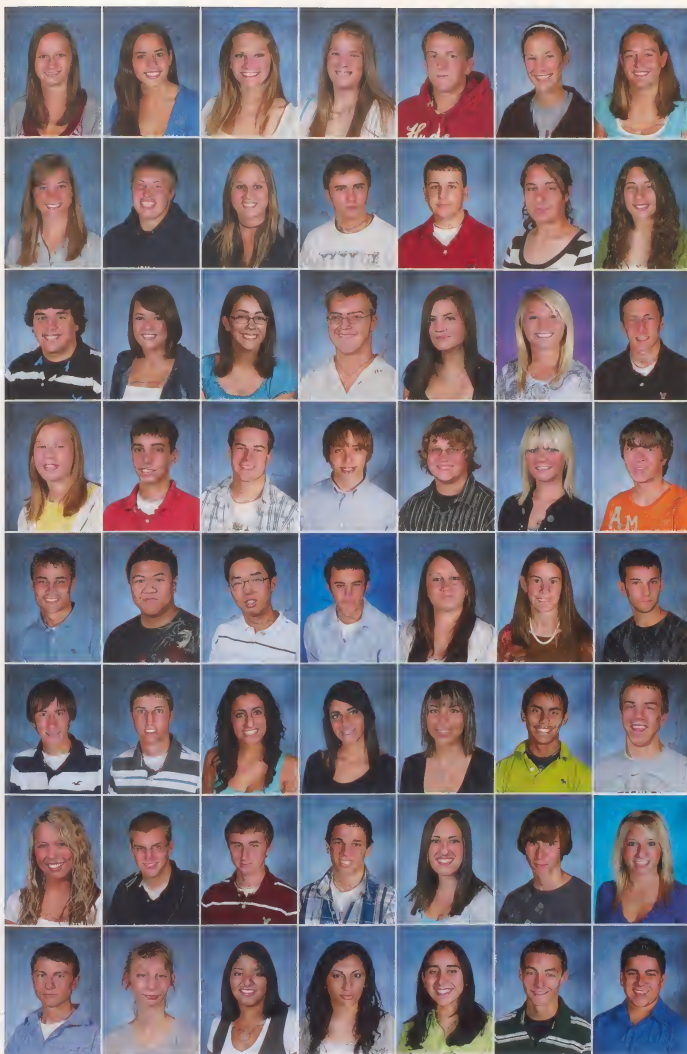


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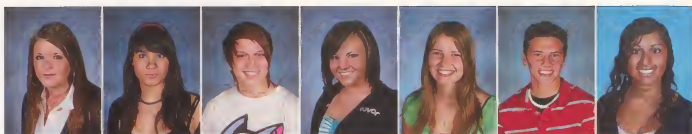
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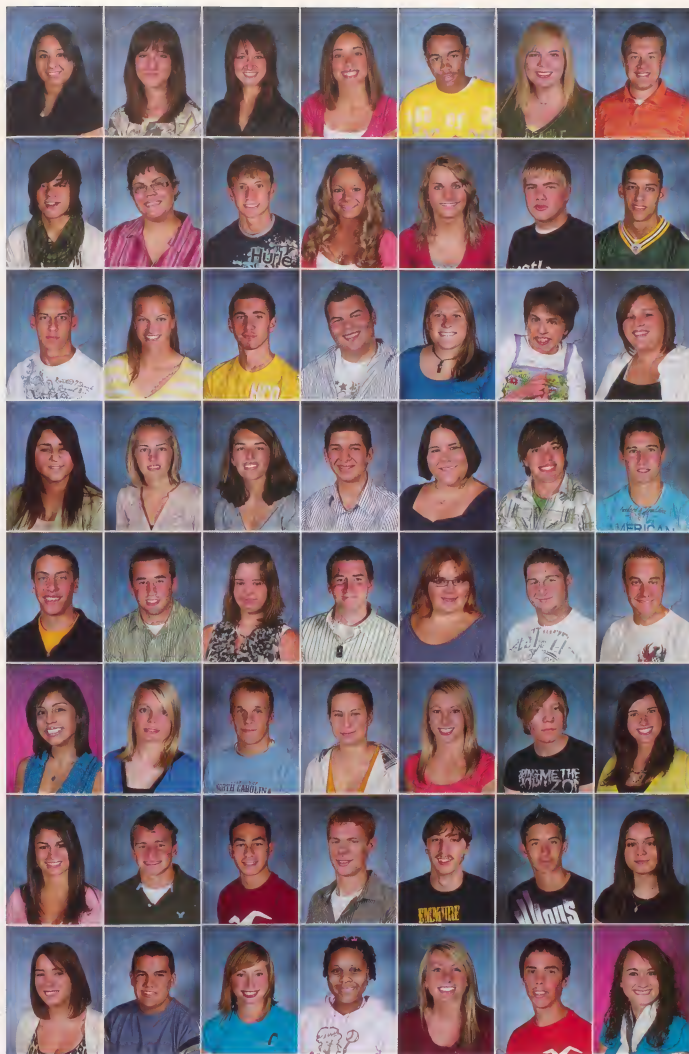


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Amanda Keck

WON SEVERAL REGIONAL TITLES
RECEIVED A BLACK BELT
WON A GOLD MEDAL IN LAS VEGAS

The sound of people cheering as Amanda Keck made her way to the floor and prepared to fight could be heard throughout the gym. Keck wasn't always the fighting type of girl, she first was involved in ballet and gymnastics, but that never really interested her. "When I went to my first Karate class, I knew that was the sport I wanted to do," said Keck.

Starting at the age of five, Keck came a long way in Karate. She was a third degree black belt. "This belt was very different from all the previous ones," said Keck.

To receive her belt she had to perform different kinds of Katas (forms), pressure point breakdowns, self-defense, and fighting, but she got her belt by her titles and the teaching that she did at the Karate school. "I felt proud because I achieved my goal, which I set on the first day of Karate," said Keck.

Besides the third degree belt she also won several AAU and USNKF regional titles, but her biggest title was her gold medal at the Junior Olympics at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. -By BRANDI STEVENS

An annoying noise tore through the soundless air and sparks flew within the machine shop as Jake White drove his tool bite deeper and deeper into the revolving piece of metal. "When I grew up I wanted to be a full time machinist and a part time auto technician," said White.

Not only was White an active member of the Machine Shop Club, but he was also active in cross country and track. He regularly attended the two hour Machine Shop class and all of the after school meetings for Machine Shop Club.

"My favorite things to do on the weekends was going to the Machine Shop Club meetings and also hunt," White said. When White wasn't working on his metal skills, he was either hunting or fishing. He had been a life-long fisherman and started hunting as soon as he could get his hands on a hunting license.

"For role models I would say that would be my dad because he taught me a good work ethic and to set goals," White said. Some of his goals were to graduate high school and to join a trade school. In the short term, he also wanted to get better in cross country and track. White might even want to be a machinist and a technician, but in the end he was more than just metal. -By CHRIS SHELLINGER

Jake White

MACHINE SHOP CLUB MEMBER
ENJOYED FISHING AND HUNTING
MORE THAN JUST METAL



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Sarah Steuer
Brandi Stevens



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Amanda Suto
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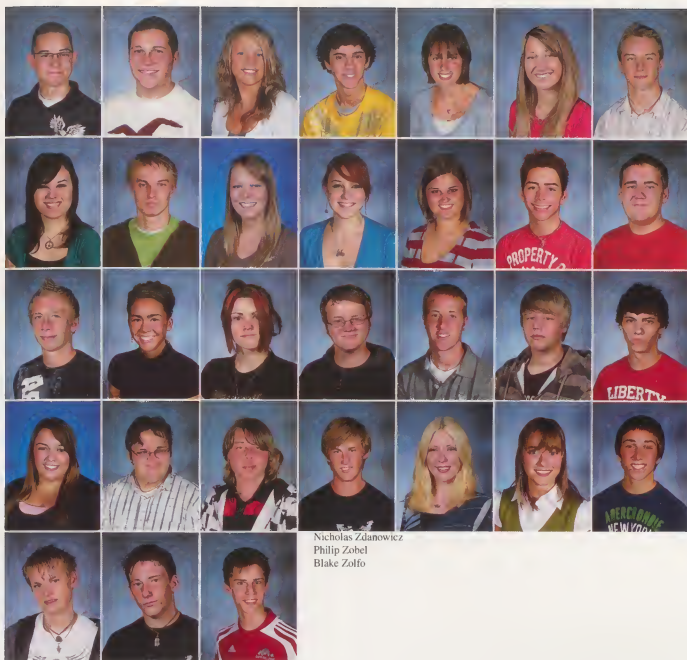


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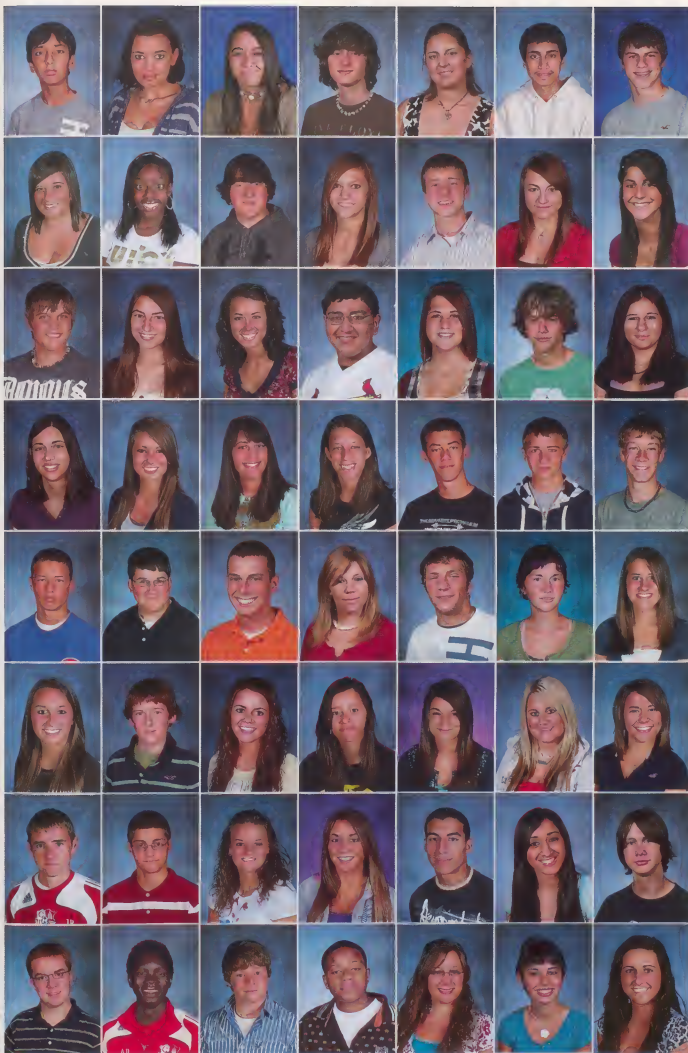
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SPIRITED CAPABLE
CONSCIENTIOUS JOLLY
DEPENDABLE SILLY
COMPETITIVE BRIGHT
PROVEN EAGER





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Melina Arciniega

STOOD OUT AMONG OTHERS
 WASN'T AFRAID TO BE DIFFERENT
 ALWAYS MADE TIME FOR FRIENDS

Most students stressed out about keeping up with their studies and thought it would be impossible mixed with so many other activities, but for Melina Arciniega this was just a common every day task. Being in Latin Club, German Club, Art Club, Paint Crew, Speech, and L.E.A.D., Arciniega managed to keep up her grades and keep friendships strong. "I hated being bored so I had to find something to fill up my free time," Arciniega said. In spite of all the activities, she still found time to spend with her friends. "I liked growing from their experiences as well as my own," Arciniega said. "When I started in all of my clubs most people said that I wouldn't be able to handle it, but I actually did very well, and I knew that if I didn't get involved that I would not be as successful as I was," Arciniega said. -By JENNIFER THOMPSON

Portrait of an officer



"I tried to motivate other students to get involved with clubs because that's what made high school so fun."

KELLY ROSTIN (PRESIDENT)



"I always tried to be positive and relate to everyone. I felt brightening someone's day made a difference."

KRISTIN OVERBEY (TREASURER)



"My fondest memories were setting up the Homecoming dance, making the float and the officers race at the pep rally."

ALIYA KAHN (VICE PRESIDENT)



"The whole year in general was great, I've met so many new people and made so many new friends."

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ERYN MACNEIL

The words musician, black belt and teacher were often not used to describe one person. However they were all words that defined Eryn MacNeil. For several years, MacNeil has been an avid cello player. MacNeil had played in the school orchestra since 5th grade, and studied privately for several years. MacNeil said that she enjoyed playing cello because, "I could express myself through music."

MacNeil, however, was more than just an accomplished musician. She was also a Tae Kwan Do black belt, triple state champion and ranked fifth in the world in her division for weapons. While learning Tae

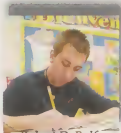
Kwan Do, MacNeil discovered several life lessons. "I learned what it meant to work hard and persevere," said MacNeil, "and if you want to do something to give it 100%."

MacNeil taught these lessons to the lower belt students at her martial arts school. "I found a lot of enjoyment and pride through teaching," said MacNeil. She especially loved working with the younger students. "Working with them made me realize that I want to major in teaching in college," said MacNeil. With these great accomplishments, sophomore Eryn MacNeil was bound for a bright future.

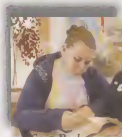
—BY CATHERINE FLESZEWSKI

Portrait of a sophomore

"If YOU GAVE ME A CHANCE, YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN MY FRIENDSHIP."



Robert DeRolf



Sara Parker

"I WOULD SAY I WAS CULTURED BECAUSE I HAD A DIVERSE GROUP OF FRIENDS."

"I WAS A QUIET PERSON UNTIL YOU GOT TO KNOW ME. I WENT FROM NOT TALKING AT ALL TO BEING OUTSPOKEN."



Amanda Kekelik

75% OF SOPHOMORES WERE INVOLVED IN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CLUBS OR SPORTS.



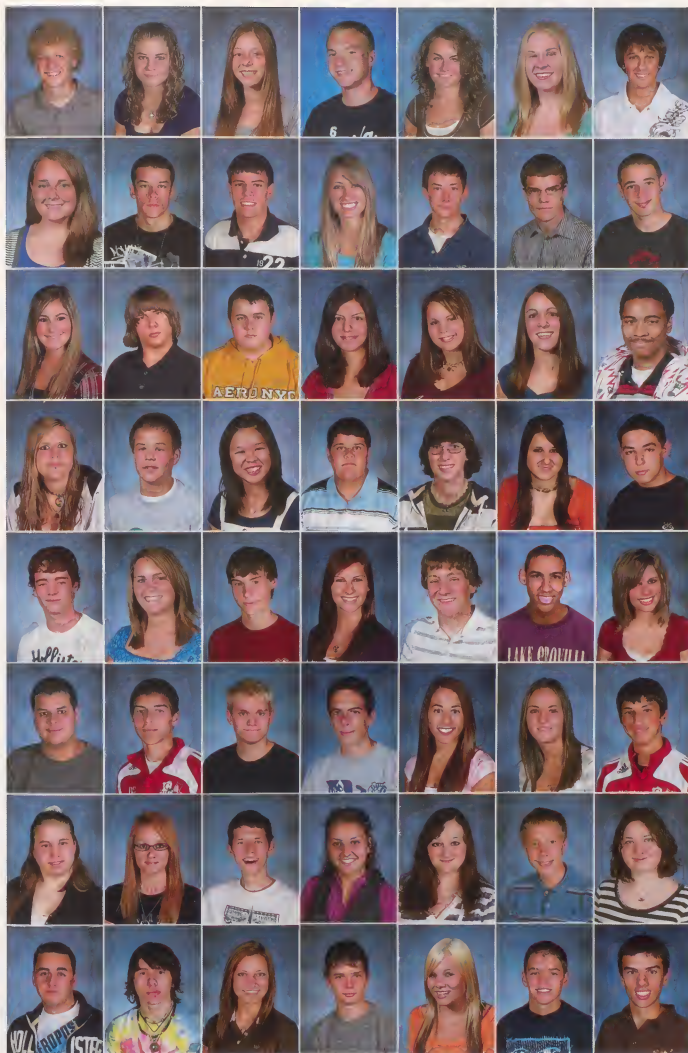
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CASEY RAPCHEK

"I feel honored to still be here" said sophomore Casey Rapchek. "It feels great." On Aug. 14, 2007, Rapchek was in an accident involving his 4-wheeler. Rapchek, he tried to avoid a deep puddle at 40 mph, but instead of taking the turn, he crashed and was immediately rushed to the hospital. Due to his injuries, his stay lasted a week and a half. About his recovery, Rapchek said, "It was heartbreaking;

everybody was at school and I was stuck at home." Although Rapchek was left partially deaf due to the accident, it did not stop his love for the game of baseball. Rapchek was more likely to receive a concussion than the average person, and a hit in the head could end his baseball career. Despite several dangers, Rapchek found the courage to continue to play the game he loved.

—BY BEN COFFRE



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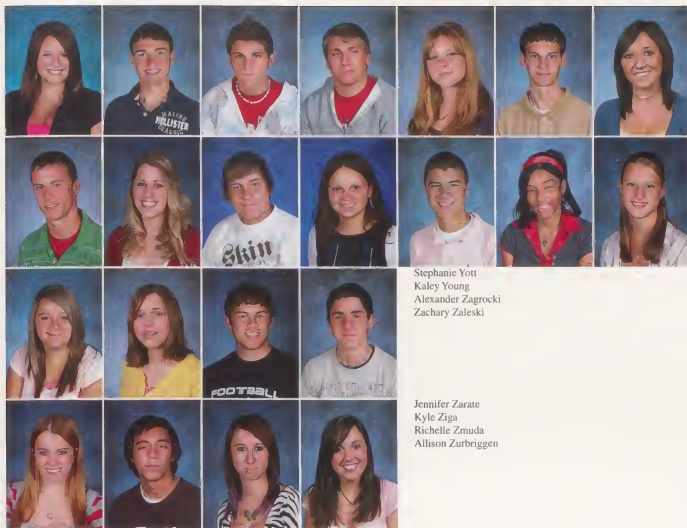


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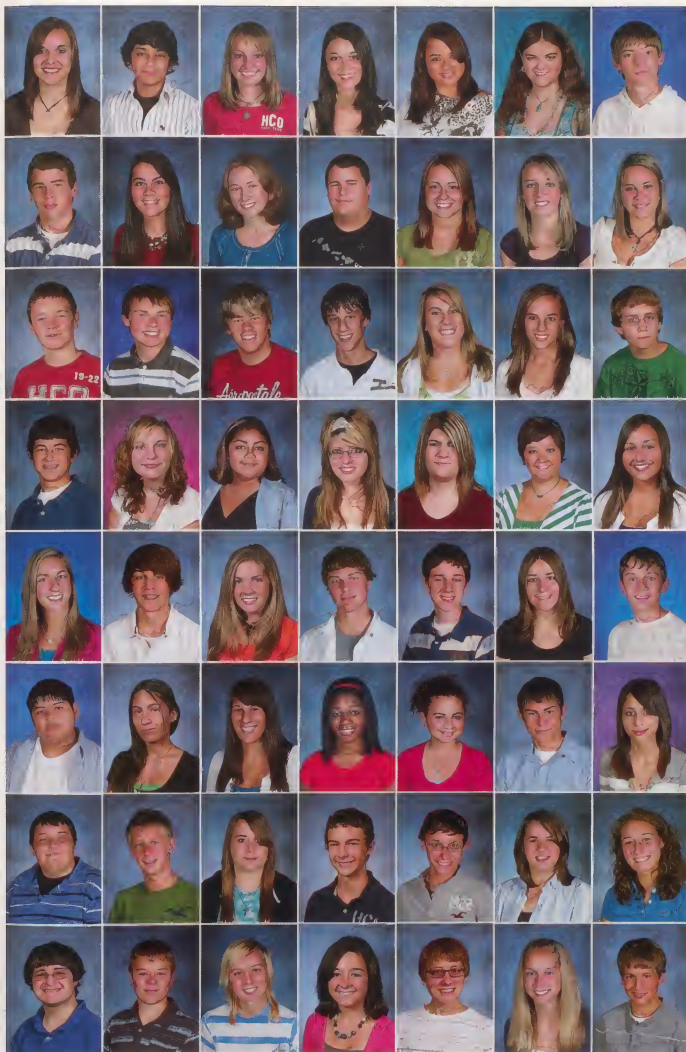
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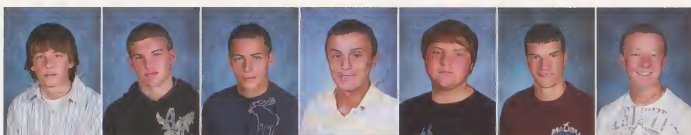
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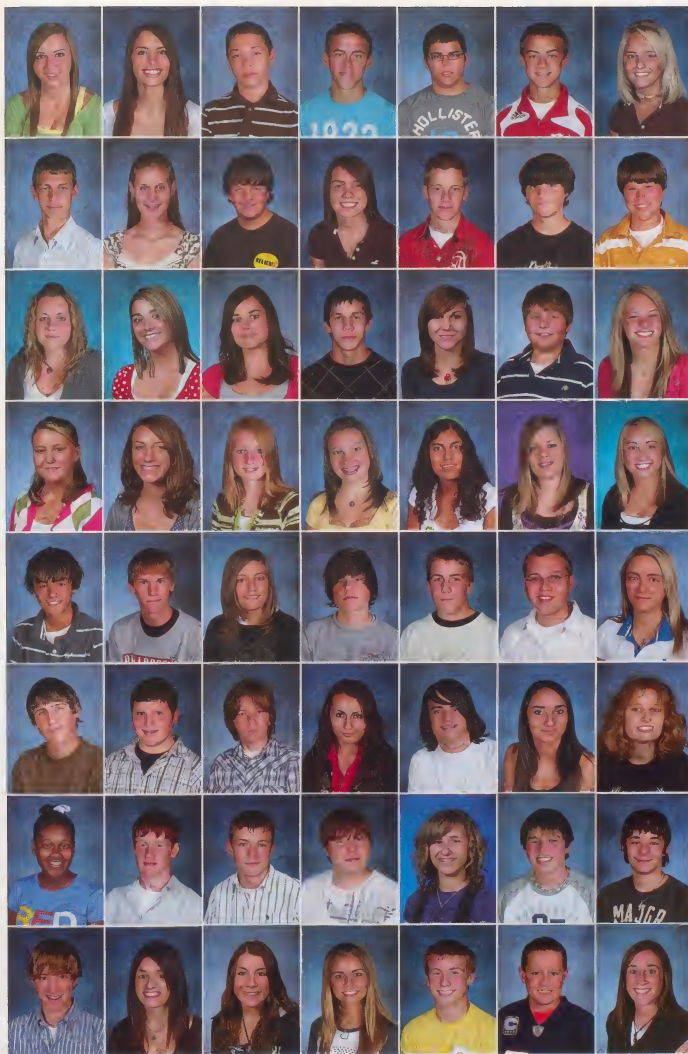


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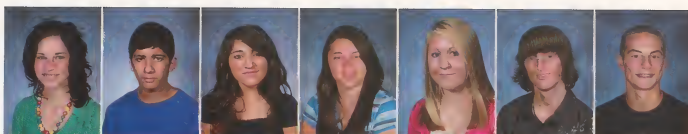
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Nicole Davis

DREAMS OF RUNWAYS
GRACES US WITH HER SMILE
OUR OWN NEXT TOP MODEL

"I was at a family function in Chicago, and a talent agent told me I should think about getting some head shots," freshman Nicole Davis explained about her beginning in the model industry. Since then, Davis had been working on her chaotic career of being a model. "Having people do my hair and make-up and taking picture after picture was so much fun," she said.

When she wasn't modeling or attending school, Davis devoted her time to dancing. "When I was little, my mom put me in dance class; I loved it ever since," she said. She combined her love of dance with modeling to create her dream job. "I did dance magazines and commercial ads," Davis said. It was a small amount compared to the top models of today, but everyone had to start somewhere.

"When I get older, my goal is to do runway shows. I also want to do big magazine covers, such as *Elle* or *Seventeen*," she said. With lots of practicing and modeling opportunities, the possibility is there that her goal can be achieved in time. -By JEN ZARATE

Portrait of an officer



"We made a difference by raising money for good causes and by doing a lot of activities."

HANNAH RASPOPOVICH (PRESIDENT)



"I wanted to help people, have my ideas be heard, and have a say on what was going on in the school."

KELSEY SHOEMAKER (TREASURER)



"You had to put forth your effort into making a difference and helping people out."

HAYLEY BALKO (VICE PRESIDENT)



"We represented our class at Student Council meetings and gave our input to help our school and community."

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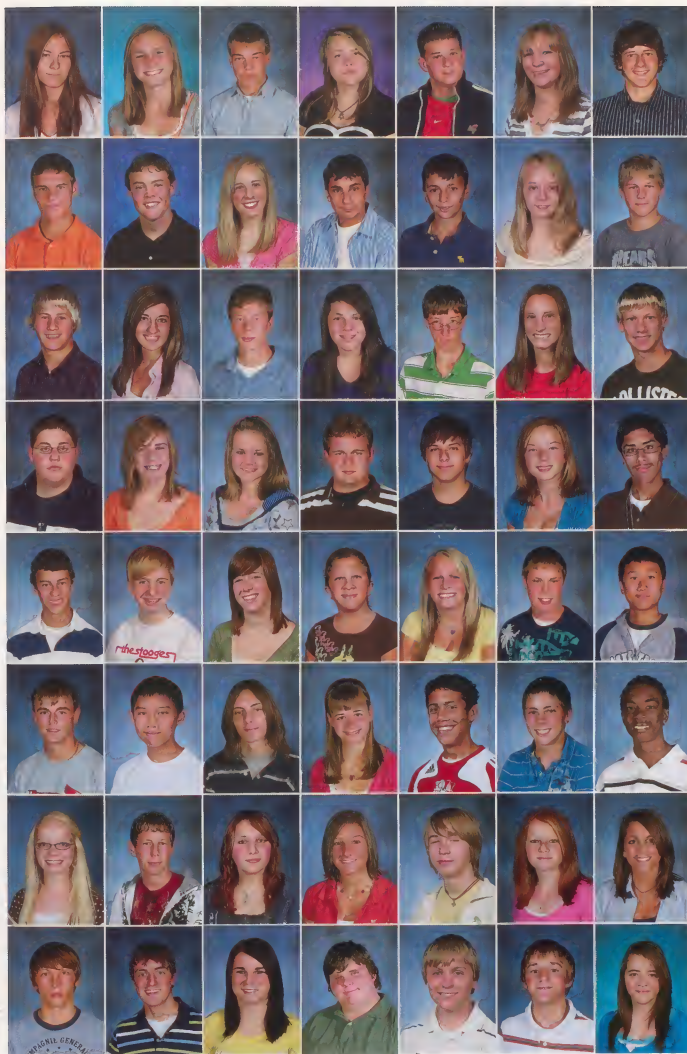


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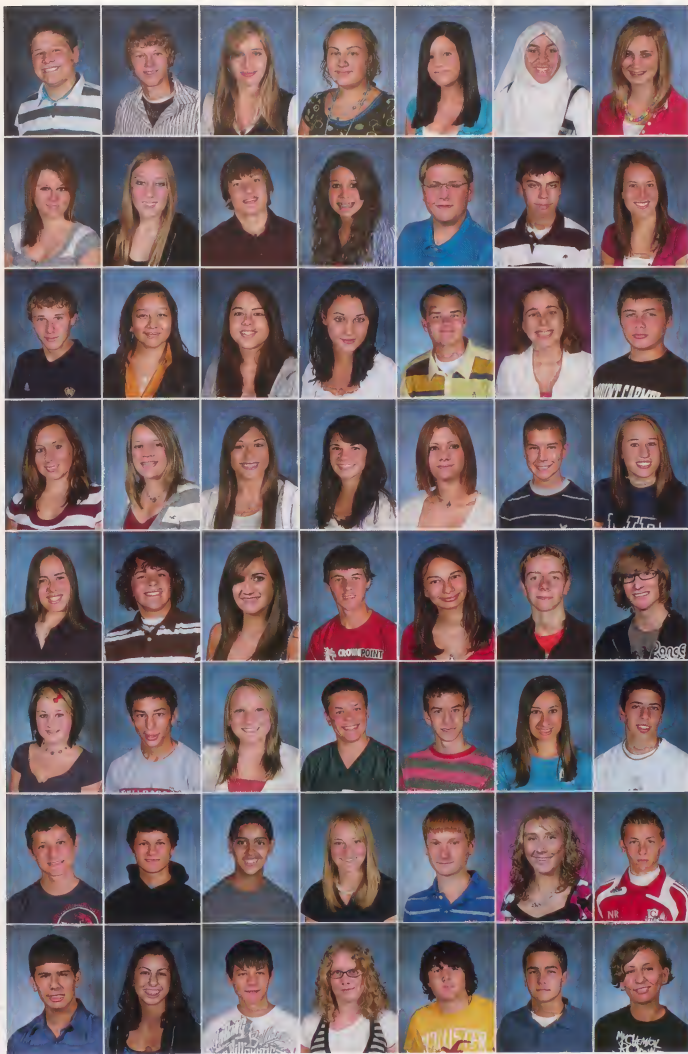


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Briley Masolak

STARRED IN THE NUTCRACKER
TAUGHT HERSELF DISCIPLINE
FOUND HER TRUE PASSION

While the *Nutcracker* was the story of a young German girl, who dreamed of a Nutcracker Prince, this was the story of a girl, whose dreams really did come true. For her love of being on stage and because she was a member of IBT, the International Ballet Theater, Briley Masolak decided to try out for the Nutcracker Ballet. Instantly, her world was turned upside down when she received news that she won the lead role of Clara. "Oh man, when I found out I was Clara, I really didn't react at first. I just stood there like 'OMG, what?'" because I thought I did really badly at auditions," Masolak said.

Preparations were taken the morning of auditions to make sure everything went smoothly. She woke up promptly on time to make sure she had enough time to craft a neat bun, eat a healthy breakfast, put on natural looking make-up, and pick out a classy black leotard with pink tights. Prior to auditions, the whole studio performed pilates in order to warm their muscles. "To prepare, we all just stretched and warmed up, as if we were having a normal class at rehearsal," she said.

All in all, dancing affected Briley so much as a person and helped her learn so much about herself. Dancing also taught her about discipline and had positively helped her body and posture. "There's never a time when I didn't want to dance. That's how I can tell that dance was truly my passion," Masolak said. -By SAMANTHA VERCELLINO

Bobby Davenport

FOUGHT TO WIN
WENT UNDEFEATED
PLANNED OUT HIS FUTURE

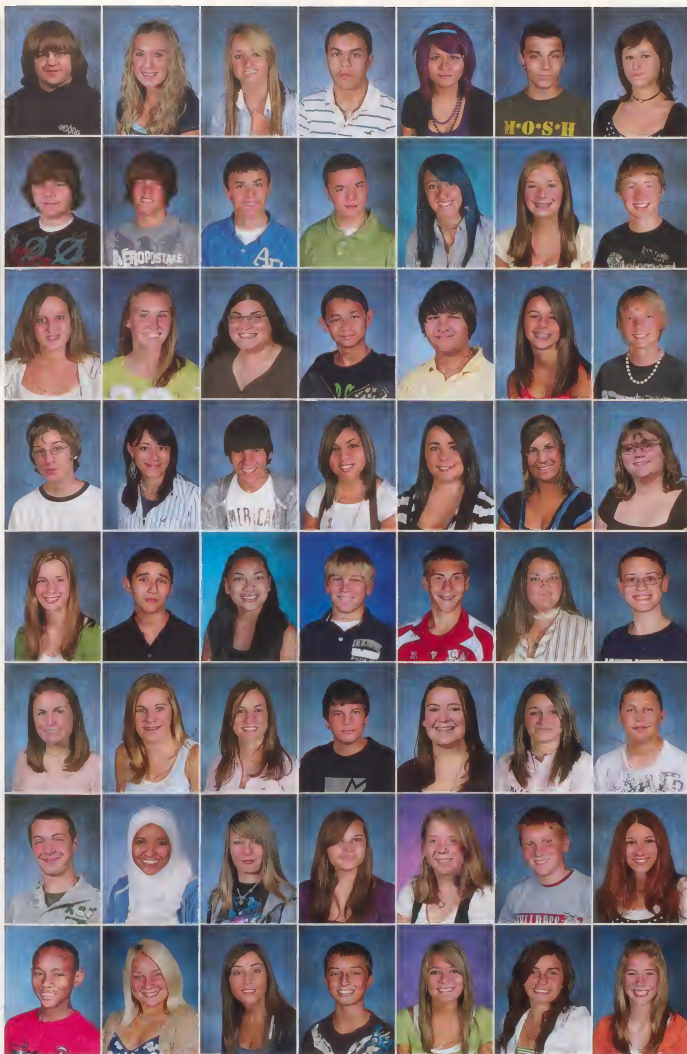
Sweat dripped from the faces of the two opponents as they took their positions on opposite sides of the cage and prepared to begin round two. "It was all pressure and intensity on you," Bobby Davenport said.

Davenport was a UFC fighter who had been UFC fighting since May and practiced at the Plymouth Road House. Days before big fights, he would prepare himself by taking some hits from a punching and a speed bag. He would finish up the day by jump roping. He had an intense ritual he did to get himself ready for all his fights, which enabled him to be undefeated. "I had to know self-defense, which made me want to fight," Davenport said.

He used a simple technique in order to win his fights, which he proved was not that hard to master. Since he began fighting, he had won every fight he had been in by a simple knock out of his opponent. Even though he always ended up winning, he never expected it to happen. "I felt really good after I won and I was still in total shock from my win," Davenport said.

UFC fighting used to be a big part of his life; however, he took a break from fighting for a while. He hoped to get back into the sport as soon as he could though. He planned on doing more UFC fighting in the future and maybe make a career out of it. -By BRANDI STEVENS





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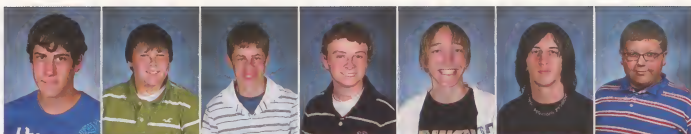
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Timothy Thomas
Yvette Thomas



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Joseph Tobias
Rachel Torkelson
Matthew Torres
Kayla Towry
Ethan Traina



Shana Trembczynski
Eli Trenoski
Amanda Trent
Jason Tsirtsis
William Tyler
Kane Uphues
Ami Uzdowski





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Rebecca Vajda
Hannah Valentino
Lacey Valois
William Van Cleef III
Tess Vanderwall
Steven Vandiver

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Krystal Vanwoerden
Michael Vass
James Vavrek
Amanda Victor
Jacob Vingga

Alison Vinovich
Megan Wadkins
Richard Walker
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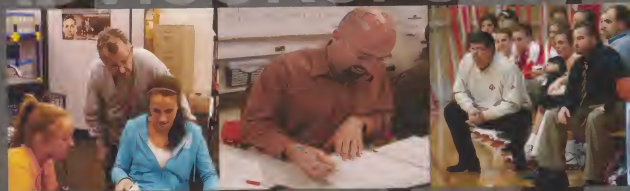
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 Amaluis, Toni - Maintenance
 Armstrong, Frank - Custodial
 Atwood, Linda - World Language, French Club Sponsor
 Austin, Nancy - Special Needs

Bachnak, Mary - Business
 Ban, Dr. Eric - Principal
 Banser, Kristine - Cafeteria
 Barancyk, Paula - Social Studies
 Barber, Brent - Audio Visual Specialist, Showtime Sponsor

Barker, Lynnette - Cafeteria
 Bazin, Michael - Social Studies, Asst. Boys' Soccer Coach
 Beach, Melissa - Science, Girls' Track & Field Coach, Marine Biology Sponsor
 Bernacky, Don - Social Studies, X-Box, Chess, and Improv Club Sponsor
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 Bradford, Cynthia - Fine Arts
 Britton, Ginger - Physical Education
 Bruss, Michelle - Guidance Counselor

Buck, Denise - English
 Buczkowski, Maryann - Business
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 Carney, Janna - Media Specialist, Debate Team, Book Club, Muslim Student Association Sponsor
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Softball Coach
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Cafeteria
Damjanovic, Milan - Security
Officer



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Degenhart, Kit - Fine Arts, Theatre
Director, Thespian Sponsor
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Adviser, LEAD Council, CASS
Cadets, TOP DOGS
Domasica, Anne - English



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Adviser
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Varsity Football Coach



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Tech Dir.
Gianfermi, Mark - Assistant
Principal
Gonzalez, Michael - World Lan-
guage, Spanish Club Sponsor
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Suspension Supervisor
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Sponsor



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Choir, Show Choir, QYP Director
Hall, Nancy - Special Needs Depart-
ment Chair
Hammond, Rachel - Math
Hanlon, Liz - Special Needs, Peer
Tutor Sponsor
Hardesty, Shelley - English, JV
Dance Team Coach, Freshman Class
Sponsor



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Harrison, Marianne - Special Needs,
Paraprofessional
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Hattendorf, Lindsay - Physical
Education
Hayes, Catherine - Custodial





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Holtz, Carol - *Math, JV Softball Coach*
Houser, Debra - *Cafeteria*
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Hutchison, Randall - *Math*
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Johnson, Doty - *Science, Science Dept. Chair*
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Loudermilk, Kasandra - *English*



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Lowery, Janice - *Math*
Malaski, Michael - *Asst. Athletic Director*
Marchese, Eleanore - *Cafeteria*
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 May, Thomas - *Physical Education, Physical Education Dept. Chair*
 McCaleb, Matthew - *Social Studies*
 McDonough, Michele - *Math*
 McGee, Jason - *Math, Academic Super Bowl Sponsor*



Mikrut, Chris - *Social Studies, Girls' Soccer Coach*
 Mikuta, Candy - *Cafeteria*
 Miller, Carol - *Special Needs*
 Miller, Renee - *Special Needs*
 Monroe, Ashley - *English, NHS Sponsor*



Nelson, Kelley - *Science*
 Nelson, Mary Beth - *Media Paraprofessional*
 Nicholson, Bernadette - *Custodial*
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 Noonan, Charles - *Security Officer*



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 Pappas, Linda - *Art*
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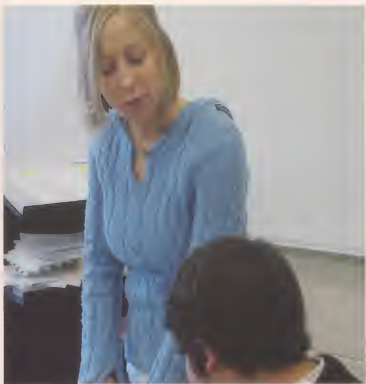


Pettit, Chip - *Dean of Students, Varsity Football Coach*
 Polizotto, Heidi - *World Language, German Club Sponsor*
 Query, Mark - *Industrial Technology, RoboDogs Sponsor*
 Radanovich, Patricia - *Custodial Foreman*
 Raloff, Rachele - *English, Student Council Co-Sponsor*



Ratazzi, Jan - *Family Consumer Science, Family Consumer Science Dept. Chair*
 Ready, Carrie - *Nurse*
 Reid, Joseph - *English, Grils' Asst. Tennis Coach*
 Reid, Scott - *Social Studies, Girls' Basketball Head Coach*
 Rettig, Scott - *Industrial Technology, Industrial Technology Dept. Chair*





MRS. BONICH MRS. BONICH

CLASS OF 2004

Mrs. Kelly Bonich knew that she wanted to go into public service to benefit other people, but she didn't think that she'd be back to CPHS so soon. The thought of working under Mrs. Deb Ciochina and already knowing her surroundings made it a good fit.

Her decision to be a teacher was made in her junior and senior years of AP English in high school. "I put high school English into the mix (of career choices) because I had such a great experience in AP English here," Mrs. Bonich said.

However, Mrs. Bonich never

expected to be a 'traveling teacher.' It was a challenge not having her own classroom, and having to carry all her essentials on a cart from room to room. "Organization and classroom management were the hardest without having a classroom," Mrs. Bonich said.

Despite the absence of a classroom, Mrs. Bonich enjoyed her first year as being a teacher at her old school.

"It was challenging getting use to the amount of work that goes into being an English teacher. Other than that, I couldn't complain!" Mrs. Bonich said. *By Ali ZABIRIAC*

Portrait of toy collector

"THE STATUES HELPED KIDS VISUALIZE A CHARACTER FROM NOVELS."



John Laniberste



Anne Domastka

"LITTLE D WAS SCARY AND AWESOME AT THE SAME TIME. I LOVED THAT THE TOY WAS ONE OF A KIND."

"I PLAYED IT EVERY MORNING AFTER A BEARS' VICTORY."



Matt McCaleb

23% OF FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE CHILDREN THAT ATTEND CPHS RIGHT NOW OR WHO HAVE ATTENDED CPHS IN THE PAST



PHOTO BY: A. PAURIS

MR. SHARP MR. SHARP

CLASS OF 1985

For Mr. Bruce Sharp, his passion was to help students understand the world of math. He began as a student at CPHS in the eighties. He knew that he wanted to teach math, but he really didn't think about teaching until later in college. He soon decided to come back to his hometown.

"I liked Crown Point, and my family was here," Mr. Sharp said.

It took a special type of person to teach high school students and Mr. Sharp met all of the criteria. "I taught because I enjoyed working with people," Mr. Sharp said.

The world had changed since Mr. Sharp's days at CPHS. "The world hadn't entered the information age yet. No one had cell phones or computers. TV only had five channels and no one knew of the internet," Mr. Sharp said. *Ali ZABIRIAC*

Ricci, Joanne - *Speech Therapist*
 Rice, Cindy - *Special Needs, Paraprofessional*
 Robles, Maria - *World Language*
 Rodd, Karen - *Main Office Receptionist*
 Rodriguez, Jacob - *Physical Education, Asst. Varsity Wrestling Coach, Head Freshman Football Coach*



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 Ryser, Lori - *World Language*
 Schallmo, Linda - *Special Needs, Paraprofessional*
 Shaffer, Peg - *Guidance Counselor*



Shah, Sabrina - *World Language*
 Sharp, Bruce - *Math*
 Shih, Andrew - *Science, Senior Class Sponsor*
 Sletto, Johann - *Fine Arts, Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band Director*
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 Stepanek, Jill - *Science, Girls' Freshman Volleyball Coach*
 Strayer, Steve - *Math, Baseball Coach*
 Svihra, Rich - *Business*
 Swan, Clint-English, Head Boys' Basketball Coach



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 Teske, Jen - *Special Needs, Paraprofessional*
 Topp, Edward - *Industrial Technology*
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Tournis, Diane - *Special Needs*
 Trapp, Brian - *Industrial Technology, Machine Club Sponsor*
 Trippeer, Bryan - *Science*
 Turley, Ryan - *Physical Education*
 Vance, Denise - *Social Studies*





Wachowski, Noriko - *World Language, Japanese Club Sponsor*
 Wacnik, Debra - *Cafeteria*
 Wagner, Melanie - *Family Consumer Science, FCCLA Sponsor*
 Walker, Jeremy - *Math, World Language, Latin Club Sponsor, Certamen Sponsor*
 Weilbaker, AnnaLee - *Bookstore Manager*

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 Wermer, Melissa - *Administrative Assistant*
 Witt, Kenneth - *Science*
 Wolski, Brenda - *Guidance Dept. Chair*
 Zappia, Cyndi - *Cafeteria*

Zaradich, Deborah - *Custodial*
 Zega, Virginia - *Family Consumer Science, Junior Class Sponsor*
 Zellers, Debra - *Guidance, Administrative Assistant*
 Zurbriggen, Dana - *World Language*



CENTRAL OFFICE

Front Row:

Karin Toth - *Director of Transportation*
 Dr. Teresa A. Eineman - *Superintendent*
 Pam Maloney - *Director of Food Services*

Back Row:

James Hardman - *Director of Curriculum & Instruction*
 George Tachtiris - *Director of Technology*
 Matt Ruess - *Chief Financial Officer*
 John Williams - *Director of Personnel*
 Jim Burggraf - *Dir. of Building & Grounds (not photographed)*



SCHOOL BOARD

Front Row:

Patti Wolter, *Member*; Karen Schrum, *Vice-President*.

Back Row:

Tom Hoffman, *Treasurer*; Scott Angel, *President*; Jerry Caravana, *Member*.

Science teacher Brett Crutchfield gives the new set of formulas for the lesson on the white board. "I received Teacher of the Week because of some of the bonds that I formed with student/players. They know that I am approachable and easy to talk to," Mr. Crutchfield said. PHOTO BY M. TRISK



helpinghand

Science teacher Andrew Shih patiently awaits to see his new hair cut. "Being Teacher of the Week was nice because it showed the students appreciated what I did," Mr. Shih said.



Art teacher Donna Pancini watches over her students as they work on their most recent artwork in her classroom. "Getting to know the wonderful and creative kids and working with them on their art was my favorite thing about teaching," Mrs. Pancini said. Mrs. Pancini won Teacher of the Week after senior Holly McGraw nominated her. PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

p ortrait of a teacher of the week



"IT WAS AN HONOR TO HAVE GEORGE IN CLASS, BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE IF HE WAS POTTY TRAINED."



"MY STUDENTS ARE MY FAVORITE ABOUT TEACHING. THEY MAKE ME LAUGH AND TEACH ME SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY."



"I ENJOY THE CHALLENGES EACH DAY BRINGS AND THE EXCITEMENT MADE UP MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING."

Making Differences

TEACHING FUTURE GENERATIONS
IN ORDER TO MAKE THE WORLD
A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN

"It was nice to be appreciated for the hard work I put in; however, there are many other teachers who are just as worthy as I am," science teacher Bryan Trippeer said. Trippeer was nominated as Teacher of the Week by students in his 7th hour Chemistry class.

"George, the Traveling Bulldog" was the statue awarded to the nominated teachers. "It felt wonderful having George the Traveling Bulldog in class," science teacher Andrew Shih said.

Just like the students, teachers earn the title Teacher of the Week, based off the six C's. The award of teacher of the week shows the hard work teachers put in for the students' future. Although not every teacher may receive the reward, this did not mean that they do not do their job well.

The award was for effort outside the classroom and curriculum. By going beyond the norm to better both the students and school to earn this valid title of recognition, Teachers of the Week also were awarded a coveted front door parking space for the week.

-By BRAD JONES & BEN COTTRELL



"THE GEORGE"

George, the Traveling Bulldog, made his rounds from teacher to teacher every week. George was a mini, metal Bulldog trophy and was given to the title winner for the school week. The teachers were nominated by students in order to become a Teacher of the Week. George was symbol of pride in the school and school spirit, and the name for the trophy and the school mascot came from historical research when CPHS had a real Bulldog named George on the sidelines at football games in the early 1960s.

Stepping onto the field, court, or even into a pool comes with uncertain endings. Will there be a win? Will there be an injury? Will there be a defeat? Courage, which was defined as the quality of mind or spirit that enabled a person to face difficulty, danger, or pain without fear. Players have taken this risk throughout every year and have overcome obstacles and pain, to have won or finished the game with pride. Senior Charles Balmes portrayed courage when he returned to the soccer team after a year off. "One obstacle was getting back into the groove because I hadn't played in a while. I started very late my senior year and realized how much I missed playing," Balmes said. While some students had the struggle to keep going in their sports, others were focused on their positions and opponents. Senior Sydnee Reeves said, "My most courageous moment was playing all the positions." She added, "Chesterton was a huge game for me. We were playing against division recruits, but the guards took the game and lead us to victory!" Everyone's definition of courage may be different but the players actions still reflect spirit they have for the athletic community.



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LEFT TO RIGHT:
Left: After going through the warm up walking off the field, Nick Bruno (12) goes to the sideline for a brief rest. Middle: In mid throw Marcus Shrewsbury (12) prepares to launch the ball to wide receiver Danny Osonickj (12). Right: During the tough game against Lowell, the defensive line push their limits against the Red Devil offense to end their drive down the field.

LONGEST YARD

BY: Brad Jones
Ben Cottrell

From high hopes to low blows, the team had its disappointments this year. The pressures of previous years were heaved upon the new crop of athletes. "My goal at the beginning of the season was to win the D.A.C title; although we did not get the title, we played throughout numerous close games which could have went either way," senior Greg Schillo said. Although there were a few more defeats than planned, the team still went out to play every Friday night. "I wanted to do whatever the coaches asked me to the best ability and I played Free Safety, Running Back, Wide Receiver, Punt Returner, and Kick Returner to the best of my ability," senior Nick Bruno said.

The season never ends just as the athletes prepared through lifts and camps before the cycle keeps on turning. "Two a days were the hardest part of the sport because it's so hot outside and the coaches

kept you busy," Senior Chris Lakich said. "The team went to Indiana University football camp in June to knock off the rust. The camp showed the coaches who was ready to play and to let the kids show their talents. IU Camp drove the athletes through harsh three a days." Persevering through all the hardships and injury and being just flat out tired and still having the ability to show up everyday showed that I gave it my all because I knew if I did, I had the chance to get my time on Friday nights," Junior Chris Shimley replied.

Even with a disappointing season, the team still had recognizable notes. One of the notes was senior linebacker Lance LaMere shattered the tackle record. Although the season did not have the final record most dreamed of, numerous athletes ended the season special reward and the knowledge of completing their own goals.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Overall	10/17
Record	17-13
Wins	18/40
Losses	22/40
Ties	0/0
Points For	240
Points Against	240
Points Per Game	10.0
Points Allowed Per Game	10.0
Points Difference	0

First Quarter 3-4



Front Row: V. Childs, T. Renn, A. Camacho, A. Atherton, C. Bacon, C. Emery, C. Pickett, H. Moore, J. Budde, B. Treadway, C. Becerra, D. Downes, M. Kelly; **2nd Row:** C. Emory, B. Irvin, C. Klein, E. Black, E. Gonzalez, N. Kabella, B. Cottrell, H. McKee, J. Pogorzelski, R. Rock, M. Popovich, S. Strong, A. Wilick, S. Polacek, S. Chandler, J. Aultman; **3rd Row:** B. Southard, J. Coria, T. Smith, D. Stephenson, J. Wermers, S. Mercado, P. Jansen, K. Myers, K. Molden, D. Armagast, J. Arseneau, T. Woosley, A. Petrovski, K. Cortese; **4th Row:** M. Schillo, S. Rogers, K. Land, R. Stofko, D. Corning, P. Zobel, M. Kessler, N. Jones, R. Florkiewicz, J. Flanery, J. Rotroff, N. Pluchinsky, S. Perillo, J. Hannon, S. Rapchak, N. Hasse, J. Johnson, S. Pusateri, K. Stofko, C. deedrick, M. Myers, S. Hannon, M. Kozlowski, D. Osonickj; **5th Row:** M. Horst, M. Lipton, K. Qualizza, A. Balkiewicz, J. Gerken, N. Colonna, K. Marshall, A. Pals, M. McNally, J. Quailza, A. Zagrocki, C. Gruenhagen; **Back Row:** E. Locher, Z. Breuckman, J. Jurasevich, C. Katz, C. Bish, A. Cipolla, B. Brown, K. Naughton, B. Jones, N. Gregor, S. Muenstermann, M. Kositzky, C. Haywood. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



BLOCK AND TACKLE: "My favorite game of the year was the Portage game, because we won and we had a solid game on defense. We only allowed six total points in the game," senior Nate Haverstock said. "The defense also had two interceptions and one sack. Also that night, we had the swagger of a defense that never backed down."

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FIRST DOWN: After picking up a chunk of yards, Cody Bacon (10) is tackled after rushing for a first down. "My most memorable moment from the Portage game was charging down the field in five plays while running through some of the biggest whales I have ever seen," Bacon said. Cody scored the majority of the JV rushing touchdowns during the season and contributed to the overall team record. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

PORTRAIT OF A PLAYER



JOEL JOHNSON
sophomore quarterback

"The JV had a really good record, losing only one game. My favorite game was against Michigan City because I had a fifty yard touchdown run and we killed them. The best memory was when we dumped the entire water cooler on Coach Ellenwood after winning the last game."



PETER PARKS
freshman offensive lineman

"Football made me feel good about myself because I was doing something productive and memorable. It also made school more important to me because I did well in school so that I could play in the games. Football also helped me set personal and team goals that I was able to achieve."

LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: Joe Hopman (9) yells out a play to his teammate during the Portage game. Middle: J.T. Rotroff (10) runs to make a play during the Merrillville game. "I remember eating healthy meals that gave me the sufficient amount of energy I needed to play well in the game," Rotroff said. Last: Jordan Jurasevich (10) scans the field as he anticipates where his Portage opponent will be next.

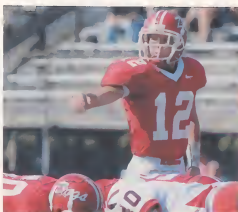


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MOVING UP

BY: Milijana Trisic & Erin Haney

It's Friday night and the lights shine a luminous glow upon the field. The referee watches intensely as the players sprint down the field. The final stride is made and fists are shot up into the air with excitement. The Freshman team had won against Lake Central 22-14. The crowd roars but it is the screams of the players on the sidelines that really make a statement.

"Playing under the lights for the first time at the high school was remarkable," freshman Brandon Grah said.

Freshmen transitioned from playing football at the middle schools to playing with new teammates at the high school. Freshman players found JV role models that helped them enter with ease.

"Jake Budde was a great athlete that knew what he was doing. He helped prepare me for the defensive back position that I would be playing my sophomore year,"

freshman Nick Brun said.

The coaches also helped them with this transition. "The coaches were a big factor in how I played and influenced me to keep going and not stop," freshman Michael Kuiper said.

The JV also had to undergo an important transition. "It was nice to know that I played an important role during the week by practicing with them and helping the varsity defense players prepare for the game," sophomore JV player Mitch Kositzky said.

Through practices, some junior varsity players found some role models within the varsity team. "Nick Bruno helped get me through the hard practices," sophomore JV player Travis Woosley said.

These teams played an excellent season, but it's the memories of the influential people and other players they met along the way that last a lifetime.

FRESH FOOTBALL

Lowell	28-0
Merrillville B	8-0
Harbor	30-0
Merrillville A	14-7
Lake Central	20-14
Portage B	20-0
Portage	24-0
Vesperian	14-1
LaPorte	12-0
Channahon	20-20
Union Grove	27-0
Northwest	20-0
Agassiz	7-0
B.F.W. Raiders	0-0

JV FOOTBALL

Lowell	20-24
Harbor	40-0
Merrillville	18-0
Lake Central	20-0
Portage	28-0
Vesperian	20-0
LaPorte	18-0
Channahon	24-20
Merrillville B	28-0
Freshman	0-0



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL: **Front Row:** T. Blue, N. James, M. Kuiper, C. Benton, S. Lowe, N. Brun, B. Shelton, M. Malyj, R. Housley; **2nd Row:** A. Freeman, A. Pierce, T. Wells, J. Tobias, C. Zastrow, A. Kutemeier, N. Lee, J. Vingua, S. Granko, J. Mattimore; **3rd Row:** B. Grah, P. Limbaugh, A. Knight, N. Baranczyk, J. Miller, P. Jansen, S. Dwyer, J. Swope, J. Krajci, A. Stanley, C. Brehmer; **4th Row:** L. McRae, J. Hopman, C. Tanner, M. Bell, M. Duffy, T. Kral, A. Anglis, S. Hutchison, R. Foulds, J. Gasaway; **5th Row:** Z. Myers, A. Wilkerson, D. Galoizis, B. Van Cleef, P. Parks, B. Antczack, D. Cope, J. Lindeman, K. Peterson; **Back Row:** C. Tanner, C. Carlin, C. Lang, B. Pals, D. Bowman, A. Breuckman, D. Fair, B. Mauger, D. King, E. Huttie.

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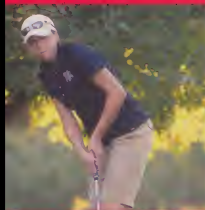


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PHOTO BY A. KAPCHIK

LEFT TO RIGHT:
About to hit the ball into the hole, Carolyn Kupchik (11) takes her time to make it in. "I played golf because it was a sport you could play your whole life," Kupchik said. Middle: Kayle Slosson (9) puts on the green. Right: Angela Roberts (11) looks distressed as she closes in on the green. "I made a lot of new friends and truly enjoyed the season," Roberts said.

BACK NINE

GIRLS' GOLF

U.S. Women's	4th
KIA Classic	2nd
Sage	2nd
U.S. Open	2nd
Mazda	1
Marquette LPGA	1st
PuttPac	1
Barclays	1st
Marquette	1
U.S. Open	1
U.S. Open	1

Team records 1-0

Meeting new people, reaching new goals, and taking on new challenges seemed to be the general definition of a golfer. Most of the girls enjoyed the peacefulness on the course, and just the general atmosphere of the team. Others enjoyed the company.

"I became really close with a lot of the girls on the team," sophomore Kelly Rostin said. "I was new to varsity this year and the returning girls helped me out so much throughout the season."

But, what made a golfer? The general consensus was patience.

"Patience and mental strength go a long way in golf. It's the one sport where big muscles will only take you so far," senior Brittney Gilliam said.

The rainy weather was an issue for part of the season, closing Youche for a week.

"Coach said it was the worse condition

he had ever seen the course in," Gilliam said. "One day, it started pouring on us about six holes in, and Coach forgot to go save two of the girls. They came back soaked."

Despite the rain, the girls kept their heads high and pushed forth determined to their absolute best.

"I shot my personal best at a course I had never played before—I didn't think I had ever been as excited as then," senior Lauren Bryner said.

"It was exciting when our team broke a two hundred combined," Rostin said.

Through the act of hitting a golf ball, friendships were formed and memories were made.

"This was the first season that the whole team was really close; it was like we were sisters, and I will never forget it," Bryner said.



GIRLS' GOLF: Front Row: C. Hall, K. Slosson, B. Hiestand, K. Rostin, L. Baroevich, A. Villareal, C. Siew; 2nd Row: Coach Reese, C. Gyure, A. Roberts, N. Sobek, C. Kupchik, L. Bryner, B. Gilliam, N. LaMantia, Coach Vlink. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



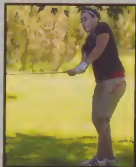
SAND TRAP: Brooke Heinstand (9) tries to hit the ball out of the ruff. "I had so much fun with the girls. The older girls were always trying to help us with our game and cheer us on! We really worked as a team this year." PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

PORTRAIT OF A GOLFER



LAUREN BRYNER
SENIOR

"The biggest thing that you can see in a golfer was a display of patience. You had to be patient in order to keep your self together; it taught you many life lessons. I loved the experiences golf brought, and we got to meet a lot of amazing people"



ASHELY VILLAREAL
JUNIOR

"The best part was getting to know the girls because it was my first year playing, and they were all so nice to me. The most exciting part was going to practice and having fun with all the girls. I enjoyed golf because it was so relaxing and fun to play."



CHANGING THE ATTACK: Focusing only on the ball, senior Hannah Jaranowski looks for an open player to distribute the ball to. "Since I play defense, I was getting ready to pass the ball to one of our outside midfielders to switch the field, and change the attack," senior varsity Jaranowski said. "This was also the game against Wheeler," Jaranowski said, "I scored two goals this game."

PHOTO BY L. TITAK

PORTRAIT OF A SOCCER PLAYER



ASHLEY MORFIN (12)
Senior

"I would say a portrait of a girl soccer player would be someone who is outgoing, athletic, smart, but also is a team player and does not just think of herself but the whole team as one."



MARLEA NELSON (9)
Freshman

"Being dedicated and trying to be the best player you can be, but also someone who is also hardworking, never gives up, and always works to improve herself."

LEFT TO RIGHT:
Left: "I was very focused and determined to pass through the defense and score a goal," Sami Sneiderwine (11 Varsity) said. Middle: "I was really happy when we played Merrillville because Nicole and I always did well together," Beth Rothrock (10 JV) said. Right: Saving the ball from going into the goal, Kara Gulvas (12 Varsity) returns the ball to her forward and midfielders.



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KICKING AROUND KICKING AROUND

BY: Brandi Stevens
Jake Wing

Stomping the Merrillville Pirates 6-1 in the first round of sectionals gave the girls the momentum and the boost of confidence they would need for their next game against the Lake Central Indians. "I was really excited to beat Merrillville and was really pumped to play Lake Central," senior Alex Firchau said.

As the varsity girls came out with the first score of the game against Lake Central, the team was reasonably confident that they were going to hold on to the lead and get the win.

"It was our biggest game of the season and we were so determined to win," freshman Marlea Nelson said. But in the end, all the determination in the world wouldn't get them the win they so badly wanted.

For most of the girls, this was their first time even going to sectionals. "I felt

very excited because with this being my first year I was so thrilled to be able to go to sectionals," freshman Cheyenne Donaldson said.

To prepare for the games, the girls started with some rigorous shooting and passing drills, plus intense stretches. "As a team, we all conditioned and practiced our foot work," junior Lydia Randolph said. "We also got time to socialize and bond with each other off the field." Besides playing on the field the girls also became closer during sleepovers. Senior Night was an emotional game because for those seniors leaving the team it would be their last time they would play at the high school level. "Senior night was my favorite game because it was our last time we would step foot on the field," senior Ashley Morfin said. Senior night was an experience when the seniors' parents walked them on the field.



VARSITY & JV GIRLS' SOCCER: Front Row: S. Hesser, A. Lambert, S. Sneiderwine, C. Jaranowski, K. Papamihalakis, A. Firchau, K. Gulvas, B. Rothrock, S. Vercillino, F. Garcia-Vicente, H. Jaranowski, A. Morfin; 2nd Row: C. Cooper, B. Hruby, E. Phillips, K. Shoemaker, J. Clark, D. Harois, M. Nels on, B. Dominguez, C. Donsbach, A. Adam, K. Mikus, H. Marsh, C. Pirchau, C. Harth, C. Bushemi, R. Nowak; 3rd Row: C. Donaldson, J. Havenstock, S. Fleming, A. Julius, A. Small, E. Beyerle, M. Dean, Coach S. Anderson, Coach C. Mikrut, Coach N. Szyppczak, Coach L. Garbick, J. Blue, B. DeBok, L. Henderson, A. Jaranowski, G. Jimenez; Last Row: L. Dexter, E. Stein, F. Kralek, S. DuBernard, A. David, A. Ban, S. Helligstedt, T. Kralek, N. Cooper, L. Randolph, A. Ruez, K. Henderson. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK

VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER

Hessner	W
Pirchau	L
Cooper	W
Lambert	W
Hruby	W
Donaldson	W
Crane-Archard	W
Wendee	W
Anderson	W
Gulvas	W
Morfin	W
Wendee	W
Marlea Nelson	W
Mikrut	L
S. Donaldson	W
Julia Lambert	L
S. Sneiderwine	W
Morfin	W
Lake Central	L
Final Record 19-2-1	

JV GIRLS' SOCCER

Hessner	W
Pirchau	W
Cooper	W
Lambert	W
Hruby	W
Donaldson	W
Crane-Archard	W
Wendee	W
Anderson	W
Gulvas	W
Morfin	W
Wendee	W
Marlea Nelson	W
Mikrut	W
S. Donaldson	W
Julia Lambert	L
Final Record 19-2-1	



LEFT TO RIGHT:
Left: Jason Schaap (9) swerves the ball out of his opponent's way driving a clear path for himself, away from our goal. Middle: While attempting a steal, Cody Williams (9) stops at nothing to get the ball back into his possession. Right: Dribbling the ball up field, Brandon Tomko (10) keeps focus as he searches the field for an open teammate willing to take the ball.

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Boys Varsity Soccer

Lincoln	4-0
Boys' Soccer	0-2
Portage	1-0
LaPlata	0-0
Field	0-0
Chesapeake	0-0
Marshall County	0-0
Washington	0-0
Arden	0-0
Marshall	0-0
Marshall	0-0
Marshall	0-0
Marshall	0-0
Marshall	0-0
Marshall	0-0

Boys JV Soccer

Boys' Soccer	0-0
Portage	0-0
LaPlata	0-0
Field	0-0
Chesapeake	0-0
Marshall County	0-0
Washington	0-0
Arden	0-0
Marshall	0-0
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Marshall	0-0
Marshall	0-0
Marshall	0-0
Marshall	0-0

Boys JV Team Soccer

Marshall County	0-0
Washington	0-0
Field	0-0
Chesapeake	0-0
Marshall County	0-0
Washington	0-0
Field	0-0
Chesapeake	0-0
Marshall County	0-0
Washington	0-0
Field	0-0
Chesapeake	0-0

SCORING GOALS

BY: Jennifer Zarate and Marwa Nour

The steady chant of the crowd, the brilliant flash of cameras, and the crisp smell of newly cut grass swirled up as more than a dozen cleats pushed off the ground.

As most students slept in on a well-deserved weekend, the players traded in their pillows for uniforms. "Saturday practices, everyone was always still asleep and tired from the night before," senior James Steriovski said. "We would warm up and wake-up as the sun moved above us. It was a lot of work that I'll most likely never forget."

A typical practice consisted of stretching, drills, and of course playing soccer. Then it was time to take to the field. "We would do running and stretching to begin with. Then we worked on some drills and ended with scrimmage games," sophomore Daniel Relinski said.

Goal-driven players worked not only to win as a team, but to achieve their own personal goals. "The one big goal I had for myself during the season was to letter and I did get it," sophomore Jonathan Bass said. For another player, his goal was to be recognized at a higher level. "I wanted to make All State, All Conference, and All Area. I did achieve all three awards," senior Mike Lipton said.

Along with the hard work and dedication put into the team, the boys also gained closer bonds with their fellow teammates. "The best part of being on the team was the team chemistry you learned and how many friends you made," Relinski said.

Though they didn't win their season, the boys left the field with strong friendships and a stronger sense of commitment. "This year was great, but next year is going to be even better," junior Nathan Bapple said.



Varsity Soccer: Front Row: A. Menn, C. Lomeli; 2nd Row: J. Bass, S. Lomeli, J. Tasher, N. Bapple, A. Elishy, C. Watson, A. Knight, M. Spazoff, A. Nowak, J. Nelson, D. Naumoski, D. Relinski, N. Randolph; BackRow: J. Erskine, M. Rothrock, R. Debbins, B. Schuster, Asst. Coach M. Bazin, Asst. Coach JR. Rosenbaum, Head Coach J. Fairbairn, Asst. Coach T. Zapinski, Z. Palmateer, M. Lipton, J. Ban, J. Steriovski. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



RUNNING UP-FIELD: Making his presence known, sophomore Aquid Bernard ignores all other distractions on the field and sets his eye on the goal. "Right after this, I passed the ball to a teammate and he scored a goal," Bernard said. "We had an incredible season this year." The overall record was unusual with three ties, but showed success with eight wins. PHOTO BY TITAK



JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER: Front Row: M.Torres, C. Newlin; 2nd Row: D. DuBernard, E. Landers, S. Houardas, V. Naydeski, K. Brunski, C. Williams, K. Hosey, M. Martin, S. Cantrell, J. Davis; 3rd Row: B. Bayer, N. Ladowicz, K. Wasserott, B. Tomko, J. Schapp, D. Solirovski, B. Wallace, E. Flores, L. Schmidt, A. Maksimovich; Back Row: A. Bernard, K. Spisak, S. Kuyper, Asst. Coach M. Bazin, Asst. Coach J.R. Rosenbaum, Head Coach J. Fairbairn, Asst. Coach T. Zapinski, M. Wentz, E. Mirabella, M. Netuch. VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK

PORTRAIT OF A GOALIE



ALEX MENN
varsity goalie

"The season was a serious matter. Our defensive team held great for being a newer defense and allowed me to make saves." It was moments like these that kept our crowd on its feet, but it was determination like this that had them cheering in the end."



GOING THE DISTANCE: Running in close competition, members of the cross country team warm up before a meet. The successful training season led to victory at the state meet. "I remember the nervousness I felt before they announced we made it to state," freshman Lauren McCarroll said. "My mouth hurt from smiling so much afterwards." The team finished in 15th place.

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LEFT TO RIGHT:

Left: As a star runner for the team, Laicee Pierce (10) scored many of the points that helped lead the team to state. Middle: Morgan Kleinaman (11) races her way through the course at an invite. Right: On November 1, Madison Koch (9) competed with other teammates to earn 15th place at state.



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STATE RUNNERS

By: Jennifer Zarate

"Our goal was to make it to state for the first time in about 10 years," sophomore Carli Amodio said. "We made it!" The girls cross country team trained hard all season to end in a finale of 15th place at the state meet on November 1.

A typical practice consisted of stretching, drills, and then running multiple miles at a time. A meet began in a similar way, but there was a lot more on the mind of the runners. "We had to think about how we were going to run our race," junior Diamond Olsen said. "When we were at the line, we were all nervous and excited, but in the end we beat teams that we faced."

There were many skills and values to be gained by being a member on the team. "I've learned things through it such as determination, how to persevere, dedication, the unity of our team, and how

we hurt and succeed as a team together," freshman Lauren McCarroll said. "The team was also always very supportive and fun to be around."

The season consisted of many personal goals. "I wanted to just get through the whole season since it was my first year in cross country," junior Shannon O'Brien said. "However, I didn't reach that goal because I tore a tendon during a meet and I couldn't run anymore." For some runners, it wasn't a season about achieving the times to make it to state; it was about just completing the season. "I didn't want to quit. It sounds easy enough, but it was actually kind of hard. It was my first time on the team and I definitely reached my goal," sophomore Caitlin Harrison said.

Whether it was personal success or success as a team, the team's record did not disappoint.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Madison Koch	10th
CP Invite	8th
Gavi Invite	3rd
Chesapeake	9th
Spartan	1st
Rocky Mount	2nd
Memphis	4th
Allegany College	1st
Madison	1st
New Pointe	2nd
Lake Central	1st
Valparaiso	1st
Cum gratia	1st
GA	2nd
Spartan	1st
Allegany	2nd
Spartan	4th
Rocky Mount	5th



VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY: Front Row: H. Schoenbeck, S. O'Brien, R. Kolavo, M. Kleinaman, C. Harrison; 2nd Row: E. Schrader, S. Ostaszewski, M. Ostaszewski, M. Schwuchow, M. Koch, D. Olson, X. Howey, K. Jeremiah, T. Passine; 3rd Row: R. Kellman, L. Pierce, C. Amodio, K. Pillarski, Coach Begley, Coach Laba, L. McCarroll, J. Tylicki, M. Smack, L. McHugh. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



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PHOTO BY C. SHELLENBERGER

LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: Brian Witt (12) rounds the corner on the lemon lake course in the CP Invitational. Middle: Jake White (11) said, "I was in the middle of my race and was trying to dig deep to find my inner strength to push all the way to the finish." Right: Andrew Facemyer (11) stops a fellow teammate from knocking down his bottle tower.

LAST STEP LAST STEP

**BY: Chris Shellenberger
and Mark Myers**

The air hums with the sound of the cheering crowd as sophomore Marcus Trybula gives his last ounce of energy and liveliness to stay ahead of his quickly advancing opponent no matter how futile it seems. His efforts pay off and he is awarded the satisfaction of being one place ahead of his opponent, but at the time that is all that matters.

"I was battling it out with my opponent the whole race; and in the end, I kicked and won," sophomore Marcus Trybula said.

Some of the runners' favorite part of a race wasn't always the finish. "My favorite race was New Prairie, because the part of the course named the 'matrix' is the most fun thing I've ever ran on, because it was a winding, downhill that had slanted walls that were easy to run on as you sprint down the hill," junior Charles Hopp said.

For the guys to get in that zone of great concentration and readiness, the boys did many rituals before the race.

Sophomore Ryan Santelik said, "Before a race I warmed up, stretched, put my spikes on, did sprint drills, and played patty cake with senior Brian Witt to get in the zone." If the boys weren't running unbearable practices or racing, they were eating at a spaghetti dinner. The spaghetti dinners were good times for the guys, because it gave them time to not only grow as a team, but to become close friends.

Junior Jake Masolak said, "The reason I joined cross country was that my friends were on the team."

For some of the guys, running is not only a sport, but a life style. "My future plans for running might include running in college and definitely on my own as a hobby," junior Andrew Facemyer said.

For freshman Tor Jansson running cross country was for more than just the sake of competing, "I joined cross country because I did it in junior high, and I thought it would be a good way to stay in shape."



VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY: Front Row: Eric Banser, Jake White, Shaun Deboth, Jake Masolak, C.J. Hopp, Santino Larios, Joe Nejman, Jermey Kolava, John Stern, William Kroncke; **Back Row:** Coach Iddings, Colin Likas, Ryan Santelik, Tor Jansson, Brian Witt, Christopher Shellenberger, Marcus Trybula, Kyle Davis, Andrew Facemyer, Coach Armontrout **PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK**

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Hokum Karim	2nd
CP Invitational	1st
Laplace	1
Chesapeake	2
Rain Dusk Inv	1st
Menominee	W
Rensselaer Inv	10th
Manly Inv	W
Prologe	W
New Prairie Inv	10th
Jake Masolak	W
Amherst	1
Crown Point	10th
Continental Meet	10th
Southern Inv	10th
Regional Meet	10th
State Meet	10th
State Invitational	10th
Varsity Region	10th



THE FINAL STRIDE: Huffing and puffing through the pain, Marcus Trybula (10) outstrides his opponent across the finish line. "I was battling all race with this kid, and in the end, I worked than him and stepped just in front of him at the finish," Trybula said. Through all the hard work that he put in the season, Trybula improved his time by 15 seconds. PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI



MVP: Not only taking on a role as setter for the team, Zarah Cecich (10) steps up as a rightside hitter, and shows off her skills as she spikes the ball. "One of my goals for the season was to become MVP, and I was able to accomplish that towards the end of the season when I was awarded DAC All Conference," Cecich said. Cecich was not only All Conference, but also led her team in assists for the season. PHOTO BY M. MYERS

LEFT TO RIGHT:
Left: Interrupting the path of the ball, Natasha Van Gilder (9) makes a crucial block, deflecting the ball to the other teams side. Middle: Alexandria Geisen (10) digs the ball, controlling it for her teammates to get a kill. Right: Stepping up as setter and captain, Blythe Redman (11) sets up a fellow teammate for a kill.



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KILL SHOT

**BY: Tori Welker
and Mark Myers**

After senior leaders last year led the program to its strongest conference finish in school history, Coach Rick Ashmore had space to fill. Entering his third full season in charge of the volleyball program, he had seniors Samantha Polus and Elizabeth Ladowicz, who had the duty of taking on leadership roles on this year's team, step up to take control of the team. "Being a senior, it was really important to try and motivate the team," Ladowicz said.

Working hard and motivating each other was always a must with this squad. "Practice consisted of running, forms, stretching, various hitting and serve receive drills, and we usually ended with playing doubles against each other," freshman Natasha Van Gilder said. Besides playing hard at practice, motivation within themselves also played a key role in preparation for games. "I would listen to

music, stretch, hang out with everyone, and just have fun," sophomore Alexandria Geisen said.

All of a team's efforts and highlights cannot always be found in their final record. Finishing the season at 16-18 overall and 5-9 in the Duneland Athletic Conference, the volleyball team took the year to grow. As sophomores Zarah Cecich, Gabrielle Raspopovich, Sofija Cucuz, Alexandria Geisen, Zoe Huizenga, and freshman Natasha Van Gilder saw significant playing time, each girl played a key role on this team.

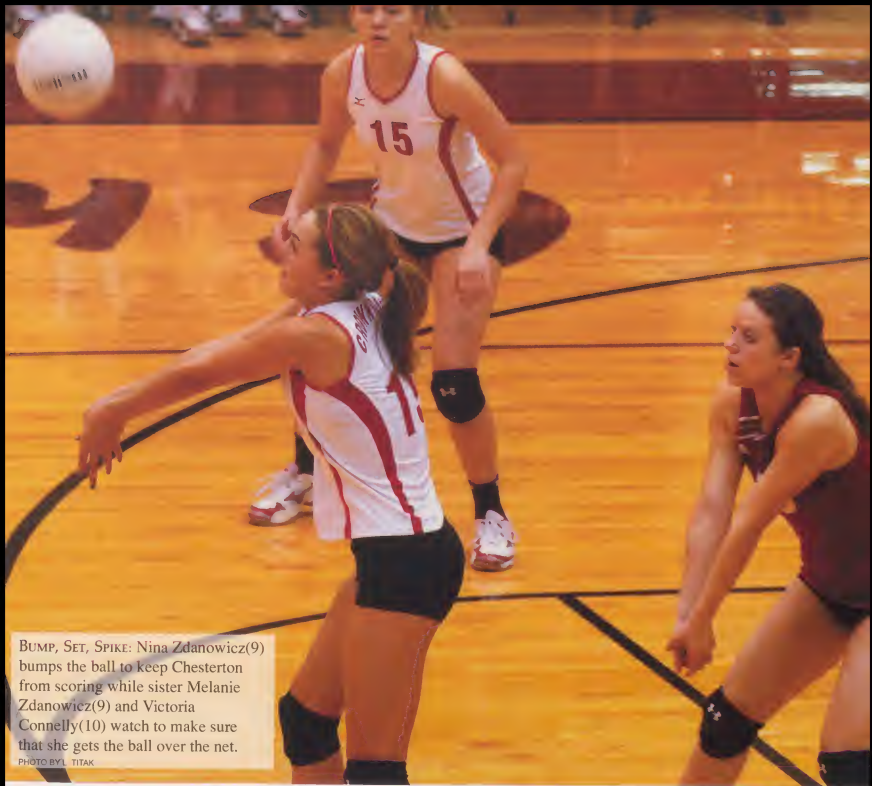
Rounding out the varsity squad was junior Tori Welker, sophomore Allison Amodeo, and junior Redman, who as a transfer stepped into the setter's position admirably. "I wanted to improve as a setter, get to know my team better, and win as many games as we could," Redman said.



VARSIY VOLLEYBALL: Front Row: Kimberly Sapita, Alexandria Geisen, Elizabeth Ladowicz, Tori Welker, Gabrielle Raspopovich, Zoe Huizenga, Blythe Redman; Back Row: Zarah Cecich, Sofija Cucuz, Coach Ashmore, Coach Orlowski, Natasha Van Gilder, Samantha Polus. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK

VARSIY VOLLEYBALL

Highland	W
Munster	L
Bremen	W
Hammond Morton	W
Elkhart Memorial	L
Chesterton	L
Merrillville	W
Michigan City	W
Lake Central	L
LaPorte	L
Vanderburgh	L
East Chicago	W
South Bend Washington	W
Boone Grove	L
Chesterton	L
Portage	W
Chesterton	L
Merrillville	W
Munksgaard	W
Lowell	W
Stevenson Lakeshore	W
Plymouth	W
Munster	L
Lake Central	L
LaPorte	L
Vanderburgh	L
Portage	L
Chesterton	L
Lowell	L
Homestead	W
Fort Wayne Snider	L
Lake Central	L
Northridge	L
Section A's	L
Chesterton	L
Final Record	16-18



BUMP, SET, SPIKE: Nina Zdanowicz(9) bumps the ball to keep Chesterton from scoring while sister Melanie Zdanowicz(9) and Victoria Connelly(10) watch to make sure that she gets the ball over the net.

PHOTO BY L. TITAK



FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL: Front Row: Carlie Govert, Felicia Nelson, Emily Lamere, Lindsey Faul, Rhonda MacFarlane, Christie Wheeler, Katelyn Krenzle; 2nd Row: Alina Cappadora, Ami Udowski, Lexie Altpeter, Coach Stepnak, Meghan Gulvas, Mikayla Dross PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK

PORTRAIT OF A PLAYER



JULIA CZERWINSKI
Freshman Middle Hitter

"I started playing volleyball in sixth grade," said freshman Julia Czerwinski. Making that choice has made her the athlete she is today. Czerwinski would like to follow her career in to college.



BASILINE RALLY: Senior Varsity player,

Max Weiss, prepares for his swing. "My favorite memory from this season was going against Valporaiso when I really got to display my talents as the number two in singles. Although I lost the match it still was one of my best matches of my high school career," senior Max Weiss said. Weiss was rewarded the Scholar Athlete photo by

M. TRISIC

LEFT TO RIGHT: First

Bodies painted juniors, Matthew Smith and Jeremy Kaiser supported the team. Middle: Preparing to crush the ball, sophomore Takuya Nakashima locks on to the ball to fool his opponent.

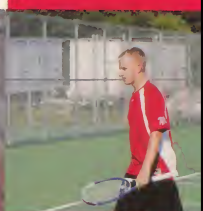
Right: Getting ready to serve senior Chase Korzeniewski walk to his position for the second set. "My main focus of the season was my technique, so that I could do well during the matches."



PHOTO BY M. TRISIC



PHOTO BY A. PARRISH



MATCH POINT

The season was new and the sun was still beating down during the summer practices just like the years before, the seemingly non-stop laps up and down the sets of bleachers and the sprints around the track. Although the practices and schedule were like the previous year, the boys had another challenge to attend to. Coach Joe Reid was now a part of the squad. With the new guy around and co-in-charge with Coach Korzeniewski, the team had to build a strong bond. "Having Mr. Reid as a coach was fun because he was funny and a laid back guy. He brought a positive vibe with him to the team," senior Chase Korzeniewski said.

The team drove through the season trying to bring themselves together. Successfully, the boys came through and brought their talent straight to sectionals, first dominating Kankakee Valley, next to

claim the title for the second continuous, they swept Lowell. The team had the momentum and felt confident going into the regional opening against Munster. The announcements went off that afternoon wishing the boys luck for their match against superior Munster.

The match the boys were rolling on into proved to be more of a challenge than believed to be. 5-0 the Mustangs squashed the season. Even though the boys momentum was turned completely upside-down, the boys still came through with a back-to-back sectional win. Also, a majority of the team received academic rewards for grades and sports. Also the most valuable player this year was Brandon Zakutansky. "I had no clue I was going to win MVP. I was so surprised because this reward was a great honor, especially for only being a junior," Brandon Zakutansky.

BY: Brad Jones

BOYS' TENNIS

Arthurian	5-0
Maize also	2-3
Madison City	5-3
LaPorte	1-4
Me More	3-2
Portage	5-0
Lake Central	1-5
Kankakee	5-0
Chesterton	5-3
Wheeling	4-1
Hobart	5-0
Highland	2-3
Munster	1-4
Lowell	5-0

Sectionals

Kankakee	5-0
Lowell	5-0

Regionals

Munster	5-0
Final Record	10-7



VARSITY BOYS' TENNIS: Front Row: B. Zakutansky, C. Korzeniewski, M. Weiss, N. Vlassopoulos, J. Haworth; BackRow: S. Jacobus, Coach Chris Korzeniewski, Coach Joe Reid, T. Vanderplough. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



JV BOYS' TENNIS: Front Row: D. Smith, A. Harkins, C. Foster, J. Manes, R. Barajas, E. Delaughter, J. Don; BackRow: J. Cook, A. Wagner, Coach Chris Korzeniewski, Coach Joe Reid, J. Cook, D. Wagner. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



BACKHAND SLICE: During the match against Lake Central, senior doubles player Dana Andreoli gets ready to make a backhand slice. "The Lake Central match was a great opportunity for the team to succeed and place second in DAC," Andreoli said. The Lake Central match was also senior night. "Senior night left me with a mix of emotions. It was very bittersweet."

PHOTO BY M. TRISIC

LEFT TO RIGHT:

During her varsity single match against Lake Central, Needa Malik(11) finishes up her second match. Varsity Coach Brian Elston gives advice to Amanda Halsted (12) regarding her the Kankakee Valley match. Varsity single player, Kelsey Ingelhart (9), begins her match against Kankakee Valley. "Finding the perfect balance in between concentration and relaxation was the key to winning," Ingelhart said.



ADVANTAGE POINT

BY: Milijana Trisic

Predictions of losses and defeat were spread across newspapers and the community at the beginning of both the JV and Varsity Girl's tennis season. With a new coach, Mr. Brian Elston, and a new practice schedule, the team had to face the challenge of adjusting and ignoring all the negative assumptions. Although, with big wins against Chesterton and LaPorte the girls proved all the harsh critics to be completely wrong with taking second place at the Duneland Athletic Conference.

Coaches from opposing teams doubted the girls' wins and claimed them to be simply just luck until the result of two difficult teams proved to demonstrate the team's talent and motivation. "Both the Chesterton and LaPorte wins were so huge that it motivated all of us and proved everyone wrong. It was really an incredible feeling," JV doubles player Lydia Randolph

said. Junior varsity single player Needa Malik also noticed the motivation and support in which the girls received after the big wins.

"As a team, we believed in both ourselves and one another and at every match, especially the difficult matches, we used our encouragement and motivation to allow us to truly succeed," Malik said.

The team allowed this motivation and encouragement to help them truly succeed by winning sectionals. The ending result for sectionals was determined by Malik's last singles match.

"I wasn't very nervous during the match. Mr. Elston did a very good job of keeping me calm. The team also was very supportive and helped me to concentrate and do well," Malik said.

The team also qualified and played at regionals.

Varsity Tennis

Lebanon	4-1
Munster	0-5
Highland	1-4
Westfield	2-3
Portage	3-2
Madison	2-3
Kankakee Valley	4-1
McGregorville	0-5
Chesterton	0-2
LaPorte	4-1
Lake Central	4-1
Winnetka	3-1

DAC	2nd
Sectional	2nd

Junior Varsity Tennis

Lebanon	2-3
Westfield	2-1
Highland	0-4
Portage	1-3
Portage	2-0
Westfield	1-1
LaPorte Valley	2-0
Kankakee Valley	0-5
Highland City	0-4
Chesterton	0-5
LaPorte	0-4
Lake Central	0-4
Winnetka	0-5
LaPorte	0-5



Varsity Girls' Tennis: Front Row: Hannah Jaranowski, Kelsey Ingelhart, Needa Malik, Chelsea Viers, Kelly Gross, Amanda Halsted; Back Row: Kristin Overby, Hanna Tokoly, Coach Joseph Reid, Coach Brian Elston, Nick Vlassopoulos, Dana Andreoli, Gabby Touchette.

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JV Varsity Girls' Tennis: Front Row: Emily Briggs, Jen Gaoat, Oluofatimi Akinnade, Nancy Tai, Alicia Cole, Priscila Garza, Esther Jin; 2nd Row: Jaclyn Anglis, Elizabeth Rothrock, Emma Stein, Natalie Grochowski, Aliya Khan, Ashley Kutermeier, Abigail Jaranowski, Labrea Miller, Lydia Randolph, Kristin Haffelvoort; Back Row: Stephanie Sager, Kelsey Emery, Tuba Mirza, Ashley Bohling, Coach Brian Elston, Coach Joseph Reid, Nick Vlassop. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



LEFT TO RIGHT:
Left: Sophomore Eric Roach gets ready to wrestle his match against Chesterton. Middle: Senior Jim Bakalik looks for his backpoints in his attempt to pinning his opponent. Bakalik was named the most improved wrestler. Right: Freshman state champ state champ Jason Tsirtsis controls his Chesterton opponents in the home opener. Tsirtsis finished the season with only two losses.

INDIVIDUAL STATE QUALIFIERS

Cameron Halstead 113
Anthony Hawkins 112
Jason Tsirtsis 135
Eric Roach 105
Mark Myers 160
Marcus Shrewsbury 185
Jim Bakalik 190



STATE BOUND

BY: Mark Myers

Qualifying all fourteen wrestlers to the semi-state was unheard of in wrestling, but the team did it. At the end of the Saturday afternoon tournament, there were seven left standing, four of which were undefeated.

Even though only seven continued on, the rest of the team continued to show up for practice, did the sand bag workouts, and all the morning sprints just like nothing happened. Finally, the time came for the seven to travel to Conesco Field House in Indianapolis. When they arrived, they field house could be seen with fans scattered all around wearing red t-shirts that the coaching staff had made up for the occasion. With wrestling one round on Friday night, the boys had to mentally prepare themselves for it because if they won, they would get a birth on the podium.

On Saturday morning, the team came back with six of the seven wrestlers. The only one to fall short was 215 pounder Jim Bakalik. "After the loss, I felt like I didn't accomplish what I wanted to," Bakalik said. After wrestling one round on Saturday morning, the team still had four members undefeated and five all together in the quarterfinals. Freshman Cameron Halstead was still in the competition, but he had to wrestle back for fifth. Entering the second round on the day, Halstead lost, putting him in the position for a seventh place match.

Junior Anthony Hawkins, freshman Jason Tsirtsis and senior Marcus Shrewsbury won their semi-final matches to buy a ticket into the finals. Tsirtsis was able to avenge a loss he had suffered earlier on in the season by beating his opponent. Unfortunately, the team lost two undefeated members in sophomore Eric Roach and senior Mark Myers. Both had two tough matches that they were unable

to overcome, putting both of them in a third place match.

After a short break, the wrestlers came back to wrestle. While the three finalists did not have to get ready for some time, they waited with their parents and cheered on the three who had to wrestle. Halstead was up first. He was able to beat his Munster opponent who had lost to the week before for a seventh place finish. Roach then tried to feed of the momentum, but due to an illness, was unable to capture third. Myers, then tried to get the momentum rolling back in the right direction, and was able to with a narrow 1-0 win. After the three wrestled, the other three prepared for their matches.

Hawkins was the first to start in the finals. While battling with his opponent, after the regulation time expired, the score was tied. They went into an overtime period where it was first point scored wins. As the minute ticked away, the score was still tied. For the second overtime, each wrestler gets a chance on top and on bottom. While Hawkins was on bottom, he was able to get out for a point advantage.

Then, on top he kept the other man down for the state title. After the gutsy performance, Tsirtsis knew what he had to do. "After I won, I felt so complete and everything paid off during the season," Tsirtsis said. After a tech fall, a fifteen point win, Coach Vlink had his second champ. After a few other weight classes went by, Shrewsbury's turn was next. Trying to improve on his 2nd place finish from last year, Shrewsbury took an early lead. From that point on, that was all she wrote. He maintained pressure and took advantage of the scoring opportunities and won by three; giving Coach Vlink his third state champ-(cont.)



THE TRADEMARK: Senior Marcus Shrewsbury works his trademark move, the lowa, against his Merrillville opponent. "Wrestling Merrillville was an exciting duel; the pin I was able to achieve was a key victory in the success against our rivals and the success of the team," Shrewsbury said. He ended the season with an undefeated record, a team and individual state title, and was named co mvp. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

PORTRAIT OF A STATE PLACER



MARK MYERS
senior- 160 pounds

"Going to state for the second year was awesome. I still had all the nervous feelings as I did the previous year. While down there, I wanted to do

better than I did. Placing fifth was nice, but there was still a bad taste in my mouth. So, when I placed third, I was proud of myself because of the hard work."



CAMERON HALSTED
freshman- 103 pounds

"In my match for seventh, I wrestled a kid from Munster that I had lost to the week before at semi-state. When I wrestled him at state, I beat him for

the seventh. That just showed and proved to me that all the hard work that I had put in the whole season and the previous week had paid off."



ANTHONY HAWKINS
junior- 112 pounds

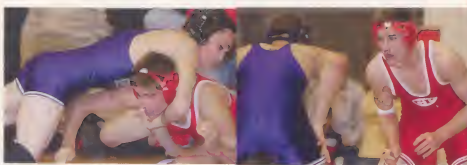
"I have always joked around about being Coach Vlink's first state champ. When I won, it was kind of funny that it actually came true. I was just

so happy that I could win a title for my dad because he had supported me, but not only was winning it for my dad awesome, winning it for myself was even better."



GETTING A HANDLE. Senior Jeremy Pogorzelski works to find a "handle" so he can work a turn. "It was nice to finish my senior year on the team to be known as the best team in the state of Indiana, and the best wrestling team to ever come through the school," Pogorzelski said. He fell short at semi-state, but he contributed to

LEFT TO RIGHT:
Left: Attempting to finish his carry, senior Josh Manes wrestles his Merrillville opponent. Middle: Looking for an opening, senior Jeremy Kooi gets ready to wrestle. Right: Senior heavyweight Kyle Marshall battles for positioning against his rival. Marshall ended his season with a huge pin in the team state finals.



STATE BOUND CONT.

With having a great weekend, the wrestlers came back into the room for one last week. "It wasn't very fun to have to come back for practice, but it was nice to know that I wasn't done yet," Pogorzelski said. After the hard week of practice, the team loaded the bus and left for Center Grove High School.

When the team arrived at the high school, they were all cool, calm, and collective. After the parade of schools, the introductions, and the National Anthem, the team was ready to get it started. Wrestling Roncalli in the opening round, state placer Halstead led off with a win. After thirteen more matches, the team had the first match out of the way and was ready for Cathedral in the semi-finals.

Leading off this round was undefeated state champ Anthony Hawkins. One hard fought battle after another, the squad was up by two points heading into the final match. It was all up to freshman Cameron Halstead to decide the fate for the team. After trailing by one point, Halstead was able to lock in a hold, get the two point takedown, and win the match by one point. With emotions flying high, the team prepared to wrestle one final match.

Going into the finals, Perry Meridian came out to battle. Starting out at 119 pounds, senior Josh Manes was able to put the team

on the right path with a 5-3 decision. "During the match, I was looking for a quick fall. I just won the match and didn't jeopardize a loss," Manes said. After the Manes win, Tstirtis came out full steam ahead and picked up an 18-5 major decision, putting the team up 7-0 after two matches.

The team kept the pressure on the Falcons, but fell short in a couple of the matches. Heading into the 160 pounds, the team was down by five points when Myers picked up the first of three pins, putting the team back up by one. After a couple more tough losses and a Shrewsbury pin, the team needed a huge effort from senior heavyweight Kyle Marshall. "I was put in a position to where I knew that I had to do what I had to do," Marshall said. With the fall, the team knew they had the title.

With two matches left, and being up by seven, Halstead went out and wrestled. He came up short to another state qualifier. Being up by four going into Hawkins, in order for the team to loose the duel, Hawkins was going to have to loose the match by fifteen points or get pinned.

After Hawkins controlled the match and the squad celebrated the hard earned victory, the team left Center Grove as the best high school wrestling team in Indiana.

VARSITY WRESTLING

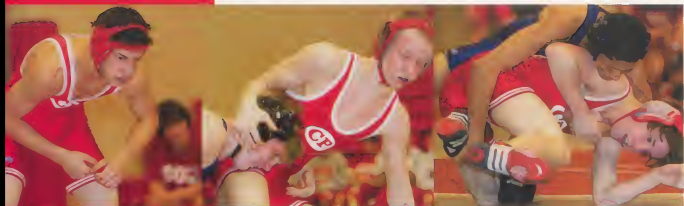
Chesleron	67-00
Marion City	72-11
Caledonia	81-000
Westfield	58-000
Lawrence	59-000
Lawrence North	42-12
Mishawaka	25-20
Wendell	34-27
Leitchville	70-40
Princeton	55-000
Bluffton	17-000
Shelbyville	8-1-00
Indianapolis	74-20
Lebanon	36-000
Michigan	26-000
Lakes	10-0-0
Grayson North	11-00
Merrillville	34-000
Portage	48-10
Harvard	48-10
Cathedral	20-20
Perry Meridian	33-00

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VARSITY WRESTLING Front Row: N.Fouts, M. Harvey, C. Halstead, E. Roach, N. Bruno, T. Renn, A. Batkiewicz, J. Tstirtis, A. Hawkins, M. Kelly; 2nd Row: J. Flamme, H. Moore, E. Black, S. Fox, J. Pogorzelski, D. Schurg, J. Manes, A. Espinosa, T. Triumph; 3rd Row: R. Chas, B. Cottrell, O. Suleiman, M. Shrewsbury, T. Noonan, M. Myers, J. Kooi, S. Southworth, J. Bakalik, V. Canalas, A. Kutinowski; Back Row: A. Batkiewicz, T. Kral, K. Molden, K. Myers, Coach T. Renn, Coach J. Rodriguez, Coach S. Vlink, Coach R. Ibara, K. Worst, M. Kozitzky, K. Marshall. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK





LEFT TO RIGHT:
Left: Zach Dewes gets back into his stance after getting an escape. Middle: Tyler Noonan defends his opponent's shot. Right: Matt Harvey attempts to build up after a breakdown.

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"2!" TAKEDOWN

BY: Ben Cottrell

JV WRESTLING

3 JVW	W
Champion	W
Monahan C.O.	W
Merchandise	W
LaPorte	W
Stoughton	W
Ekland Main Journey	2
	W
LaPorte	W
LaPorte	W

Final Record 2-0

Goals are one of the many major components of wrestling. Each year the boys must set a main goal at the start of every wrestling season. Some may not reach it, but the overall point is that they are working towards accomplishing the ability to perform the best that they can. "My goal was to become a faster, stronger, and more motivated wrestler," sophomore Matthew Harvey said. For underclassmen, wrestling on the junior varsity or freshmen, a common goal would be to have become like an upperclassmen wrestler. "The guys I looked up to were the varsity wrestlers because they worked to be the best in the state," freshmen Zach Dewes said.

From the starting whistle to the ending buzzer, the boys continued wrestling to the end. "My favorite part of wrestling was feeling my opponent give up in the middle of the match," sophomore Scott South-

worth said. "The best part of wrestling for me was that it is one on one; if you make a mistake, there wasn't anyone else to blame but yourself," Harvey said. Wrestlers received a great feeling of accomplishment after winning a match. Having won a close match, or a match in overtime, had the ability to have made them feel dignified, even if they were exhausted. But after the match, they feel all that hard work and dedication to the sport pays off after a win. "My favorite match was against Mishawaka where I beat my opponent seven to four, I really had to listen to my coach and stay focused to come out victorious," he added.

All in all, goals, role models, hard work, and dedication sum up a wrestler that never gives up or backs down in a match and always is thinking, I can win. A wrestler is a great example of courage for having the determination to achieve greatness.



FRESHMAN WRESTLING: Front Row: M.Molly, S. Chiaro, K.Poling, Z.Dewes, D.Zimmerman, B.Shelton, R.Previs, T.Blue, C.Saroff; 2nd Row: S.Granko, J.Kolva, J.Heuberger, J.Krajci, S.Larios, D.Bowman, J.Fischer, J.Ivers, C.Sons; Back Row: K.Molden, D.Swope, N.Lee, Z.Myers, R.DeBatista, Coach Renn, Coach Lorek, J.Murzyn, B.Antczak, S.Hutchison, D.Cope. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



GET A HANDLE: "In my opinion, the best part of wrestling is when I am in a close match and when I needed to get a win. I got that adrenaline rush, then I got a takedown, and then after I took my opponent to his back and finally got that needed pin fall to put the team ahead," sophomore Hunter Moore said. At the Merrillville wrestling meet, Moore was trying to turn his Merrillville opponent to his and receive a pinfall. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

PORTRAIT OF A WRESTLER



TYLER KRAL
Freshman Wrestler

"The person I look up to the most on the team is Mark Myers, because he is a great guy and friend and he knows when to be serious when needed to be and he shows dedication to the sport."



JOHN MURZYN
Freshman Wrestler

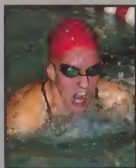
"My favorite part of wrestling is having accomplished my ultimate goal. My goal was to be brought to junior varsity and go undefeated by pinning all of my opponents in the third period or overtime."



JUMP IN: Going for the gold, Stokoski tries her hardest at doing the butterfly stroke and is determined to finish first. "I was worried that I wasn't going to go fast but I tried my hardest anyways," Junior Lauren Stokoski said while at the last meet. She persevered and overcame her doubts, and in the end she finished strong.

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PORTRAIT OF A DIVER



HAYLEY BALKO

Swimmer

"Be willing to do your best, improve your time when you need to, and cheer on your teammates, always have your mind clear, always have fun, and always be willing to listen to your coach."



KELSEY DRASGA

Diver

"Coachable because that's the only way you are going to get better is by listening to your coaches. Also a diver needs to be willing to try new dives and comfortable about doing crazyhard dives."

LEFT TO RIGHT:

Left: Making her way to the finish line, Cailyn Lowry gives it her all to win the race and to improve herself in swimming. Middle: Concentrating on the race and trying to get a good time Hannah Schuster sits and watches the meet against L.C. and wins. Right: Doing a full-twisting 1 1/2, Junior Amanda Nisle gives it her all. "All I was thinking was to stay tight, point toes, square out, and pike," Nisle said



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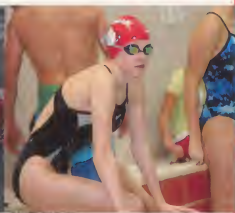


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FREE STYLE

BY: Brandi Stevens

Sound of splashing water and cheering fans fills the pool room as the girls' swimming and diving team gives it their all to continue their role as the sectional champions, but in the end the girls came in 2nd place to Munster (365-328.5).

Before meets the girls started their day with several stretches, yardage, starts and turns, setting up "the basket," and even with all the training and warm ups they still had time to do their homework.

The pool is not the only thing the girls and coaches did together. In their spare time, they got together and just chilled and had fun. "When we went to state and we gave our coaches a box of peanuts with a poem and valentines on Valentines Day!" senior Molly Raspopovich said. They also joked around and just have fun while practicing and just being themselves.

Before they were even breaking 5 years old, some members have even been swimming long before they joined the high school team. "I have been swimming since I was 4 and a half and I loved it ever since then," senior Ashley Lionberger said. If it was not swimming, some of the girls were even diving before the age of 5.

"My favorite moment was taking 4th at sectionals just because I had been injured a lot throughout the season," junior Morgan Kleinaman said. Though some of the girls had injuries or just had other things, they came together and made it to sectionals. Coming home placing in great places and coming home also with awards.

Coming in with a 9-1 lead for the school year, the senior girls had something to remember. After weeks of practice, they came together and ended the year strong.

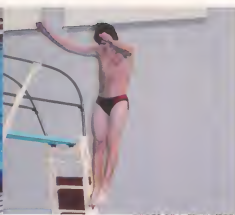
SWIMMING

Merrillville	W
Lawrence	W
Chesterton	L
Portage	W
Holland	W
Vanderburgh	W
LaPorte	W
Michigan City	W
Lake Central	W
Rainelle	W
Highland	3rd
Duneland	2nd
Sectionals	2nd
Final Results	9th



VARSITY SOCCER: Front Row: R. Smith, L. Stokowski, C. Harrison, R. Kolovo, A. Lionberger, C. Taylor, M. Kleinaman; 2nd Row: G. Jimenez, A. Capadora, C. Mikuta, L. McHugh, J. Boerman, A. Durachta; 3rd Row: X. M. Howey, L. Markowitz, H. Raspopovich, B. Balko, H. Schuster, K. Salazar, K. Lolkema, R. Dykstra; Back Row: C. Kiran, K. Drasga, B. DeBock, G. Krstevski, S. LaMantia, M. Raspopovich, C. Lowry, A. Gose, A. Richardson, A. Nisle.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: German exchange student Till Hubl (11) comes in for the finish of his 500 freestyle race. Middle: At the end of the sectional meet, our team celebrates with Lake Central the accomplishments made by both teams. "We called the boys; we ran the train," Brendan Morin (12) said. Right: Leaping in the air, Tyler Croell (10) jumps from the diving board in preparation for a flip in the dive.

SUBMITTED BY B. MORIN

PHOTO BY A. STALOWSKI

TITLE WAVE

BY: Jennifer Zarate

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Cheneyton	66:21
Mohler Reays	7:02
Vallalaso	1:01:75
Highland	1:05:6
Merrillville	1:25:40
Lafayette Invade	2:35
Highland Youth	4:00
Pullage	1:05:83
Pullage Dive Invade	1:05:83
Lafayette	1:05:83
Lake Central	1:05:88
Kovell	1:05:55
Morgan City	1:05:83
West Trask Invade	1:05
ODD East	1:05
Sectionals	1:05
State	1:05
Final Results	1:05

The pool breaking down, at the start of the season, was an obstacle overcome by swimming and diving coaches and athletes alike. Until fixed, swimmers practiced daily at the Southlake YMCA and divers rode the bus with the girls team to Merrillville High School. "We turned a negative into a positive," coach Doug Norris said. "We had to concentrate on utilizing the time better for our practices. So, it made the practices more specific and led to more strength."

Although the workouts and training methods were slightly altered this year, the end of the season products were better than expected. "When it came time for the sectional meet, I felt in prime condition for breaking a 22 year-old record," sophomore Blake Yeager said. "When I finished my race (200 freestyle) with a time of 1:43.95 my reaction was an explosive combination of disbelief and sheer joy."

A total of 4 team records were broken, and top title positions were earned at the conference and sectional meets. At the state meet, Yeager swam along with freshman Michael Kukurugya, sophomore Marcus Trybula, and seniors Matthew Kukurugya and Brendan Morin earning 13th place. "My senior captain, Matt Kukurugya, told me before the race, 'We've trained long and hard together all season to accomplish great things; now lets do it!'" Trybula said. "I knew I would do great. As I leapt into the water, I felt as if I had angel wings and was flying across the pool."

On the diving board, all 3 divers qualified for the sectional finals and sophomore Tyler Croell placed second overall advancing to the regional meet. "I nailed my last three dives," Croell said. "It was exhilarating. At that time, I felt like I was following the footsteps of Jimmy Page."



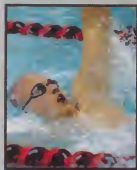
SWIMMING AND DIVING: Front Row: B. Yeager, J. Nejman, B. Morin, A. Kutermeier, M. Smith, D. Smith; 2nd Row: T. Hubl, D. Kvachoff, D. Fabrici, J. Corder, J. McRae, M. Kukurugya, H. McKee, J. Zarate, S. Vandergriff; 3rd Row: N. Irak, I. Dalton, N. Ellingsen, D. Parks, J. Kaiser, C. Lang, N. Ladowicz, D. Norris, L. Lorenz, J. Golob; Back Row: M. Kukurugya, M. Trybula, Z. Conway, J. Dykstra, M. Sepiol, Y. Vogel, J. Glass, R. Rangel, T. Croell, K. Overbey.

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SPRINTING TO THE FINISH: After trailing 7 laps, Blake Yeager (10) swims all out for the final lap of his 200 freestyle at the sectional meet. "I won and was happy, but more importantly I got to see almost the whole team and most of the parents cry," Yeager said. "I was just thrilled and the adrenaline was overwhelming." After a short cool down swim, Yeager was presented his sectional champion ribbon. PHOTO BY E. WILSON

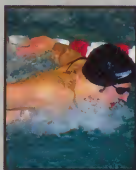
PORTRAIT OF BROTHERS



MICHAEL KUKURUGYA
freshman

"My goal in the rest of high school is to get the team record in the 100 backstroke and place top 8 in state individually. My brother was a great influence to me. Every morning that I thought I wasn't going to make it to practice at

5 A.M., he was there to get me out of bed. I couldn't thank him enough because he is a great role model."



MATTHEW KUKURUGYA
senior

"My greatest goal achieved in high school was breaking the 200 IM record with a time of 1:56.60. Out of the pool, we also pulled a harmless prank of filling Munster's bus with pine trees. Another experience I'll never forget was sharing a spot on a state relay

with my brother. Him on the team made me a better leader and allowed me to teach many leadership roles."



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: Senior Nikola Pusara looks for an open man. "The best things are the memories you leave with," Pusara said. Middle: Senior CJ Mantel takes a shot to score. "The sectional championship game was intense because it's all down to how far you've come," Mantel said. Right: Senior Brady Schuster dribbles around the opponent. "I loved hitting the shot on the buzzer versus LaPorte," Schuster said.

JUMP SHOT

BY: *Tori Welker*

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Harvey-Cecil	62-35
LaPorte	51-41
Madison-Middleton	69-48
South Central	41-69
Unionville	57-57
Michigan City	63-51
Greenfield	71-61
Northridge	47-30
Portage	55-50
Greentown	66-58
East Central	69-67
Michigan City	61-50
East Chicago	74-79
Vanderburgh	43-47
Brownstown	69-48
Marion	63-54
LaPorte	66-65
LaPorte	66-66
Chesapeake	66-62
South Elkhart	
LaPorte	78-54
Harvey	50-37
Chesapeake	43-34
Franklin	71-60

From the success of last year, the boys had some high standards to live up to. Achieving the success of last year was going to be a difficult task, but the fans believed they could do it. Compiling a record of fifteen and eight, the boys' basketball team definitely did not disappoint their fans. The teams success did not come easy though. They went through tough practices and fought their way back through some tough games. Four, of their games, were sent into overtime where they had to push just that extra step to get the win. "My most memorable moment was dunking and getting a technical," sophomore Jared Smoot said. Senior Kyle Qualizza was one of the seniors to help the team to their victories this year. "The best thing about basketball was the fun involved; I loved to make fun of Lipton," Qualizza said. Also involved in this year's victory was Senior CJ Mantel. "My

main goal for this year was to prove people wrong about how good we really were. We've always been very good and we were in last years senior class shadow," Mantel said. The team knew it would have been a challenge to take the spotlight back from the memories of last year, but they had the optimism that they could have achieved it. "The best part about this year was hitting the shot and winning the game at Chesapeake in overtime and the gym completely exploded," Pusara said.

The boys worked extremely hard to reach their main goal of surpassing last year's record, and to prove that they all worked well together as a whole. The season score was 15 and 8, which was an accomplishment to have their determination pay off. The fight never ended. "We proved a lot of people wrong and we had a good season," Smoot said.



Varsity Basketball: - Front Row: CJ Mantel, Kyle Qualizza, Michael Lipton, Brady Schuster, Nikola Pusara, Brent Jacobus, Michael Albrecht, 2nd Row: Manager Matt Sharp, Manager Brice Anderson, Coach Michael Holobawski, Coach Clint Swan, Coach Russ Marcinek, Coach Brian Elston, Manager Adam Nowak, Manager Brandon Hawn; 3rd Row: Manager Paul Otte, Chris Lakich, Jared Smoot, Nathaniel Akers, Manager Joshua Long. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



THREE POINTER: Senior Michael Lipton dribbles down the court in hopes of scoring. Lipton was one of the seniors who helped this team this season. "My goals this year were to be in the top four of the DAC Conference, to have a winning record, and to make it to the Sectional Finals again," Lipton said. Lipton has played since he was four years old and hopes to play in college next year.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: Freshman Joe Hopman looks to make a pass down low from the top of the key. Middle: Looking for an open lane to drive, freshman Andrew Breuckman, takes time to gather momentum. Right: Sophomore Evan Langbehn received a pass and looks to start the play with a pass. After the pass the boy scored a three to shift the momentum of the game.

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THE FUTURE

BY: Brad Jones

JV BOYS BASKETBALL

LaPorte	44-35
Hanover	42-24
Morton	44-38
Lake Central	41-35
Valparaiso	29-49
Griffith	46-22
Michigan City	34-29
Merrillville	24-35
Portage	36-32
Chesterton	33-4
Lake Central	35-41
Michigan City	43-29
East Chicago	23-43
Valparaiso	15-28
Boone Grove	46-17
Merrillville	28-41
LaPorte	39-50
Portage	37-45
Lowell	28-34
Chesterton	29-20
Final Record	10-10

FROSH BOYS BASKETBALL

LaPorte	43-41
Lake Central	34-52
Hanover	39-52
Morton	37-48
Michigan City	51-47
Merrillville	36-17
Valparaiso	36-44
Griffith	39-42
Lake Central	39-48
Michigan City	34-10
Portage	34-30
East Chicago	45-47
Valparaiso	16-17
Lowell	34-22
Merrillville	28-41
Michigan City	43-41
Boone Grove	49-41
LaPorte	40-34
Final Record	8-10

Thuds, screeches, and cheers are heard weekly in the field house and gym in the winter as the boys practice. "Wake up, eat, basketball, eat, sleep; it is a constant cycle," sophomore Nick Brey said.

Practices start weeks before the regular season. Summer workouts include weightlifting and ball drills then through fall and early winter open gym and sprints were welcomed into conditioning. Then tryouts begin to put the best on the squad.

Through practicing and games, the team used their time together to start a tight bond which they carried on to the court. "The spaghetti dinners we had the nights before the home games were a great time and really brought our team together," sophomore Bill Brown said. "Sometimes after practice we would set up dunk contests to hangout and have a fun time showing off each other's skills with the ball," sopho-

more Jordan Jurasevich said.

Not only did they use each other for guidance the younger guys looked up to the seniors as models as well. "My model was C.J. Mantel since he had awesome handling and an unbelievable shot," sophomore Evan Langbehn said. Brown also said, "Kyle Qualizza, Q-ball, was my model with his mental toughness and endurance." The way the seniors inspired the younger guys showed the leadership between the varsity and the younger guys. The seniors also had the job to teach the JV specifically how to move on and be like them for the future.

The JV and Frosh have the shoes to fill and need to follow step and inspire the new guys behind them just like the varsity did before them, but before then the cycle of year round training starts off again to ready the boys for varsity.

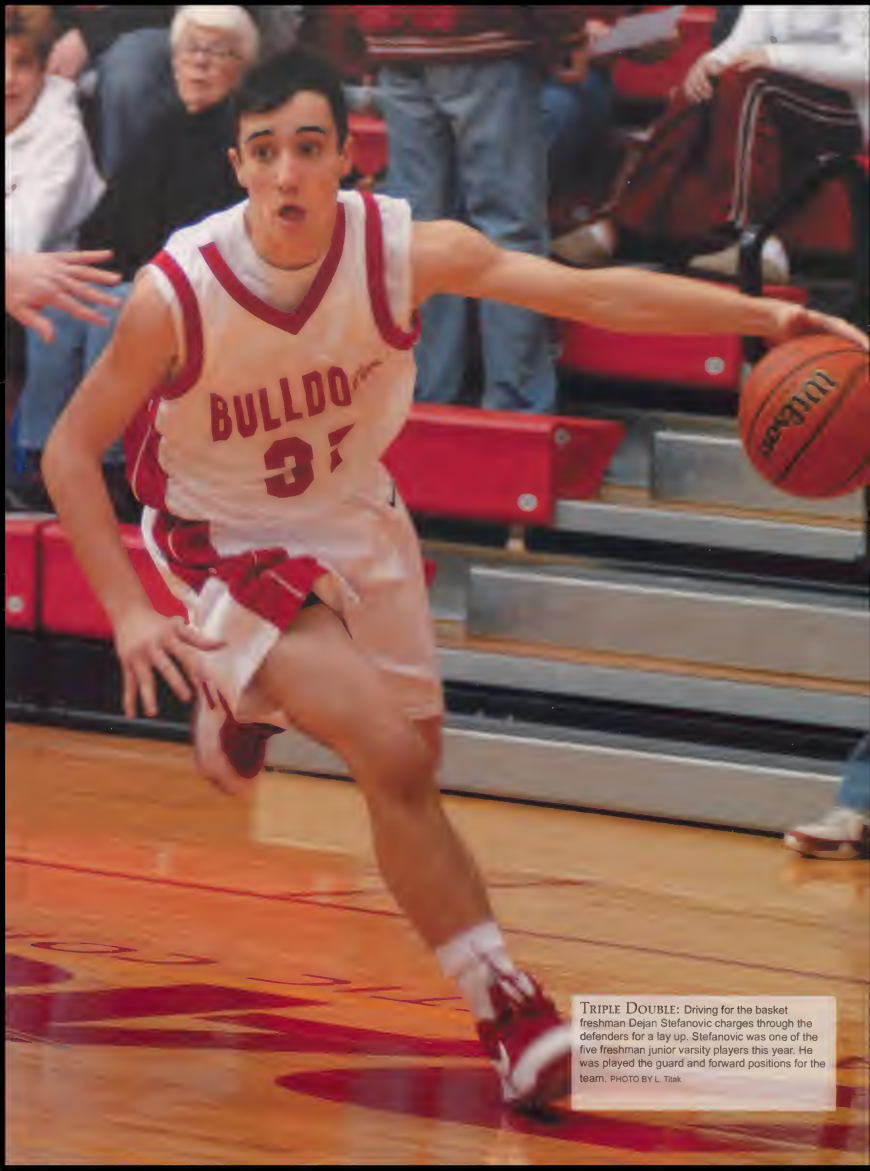


JV BOYS BASKETBALL: Front Row: Zak Bostian, Dejan Stefoanovic, Tony Patric, Evan Langbehn, Joe Hopman, Ryan Foulds; 2nd Row: Coach BackRow: Jordan Jurasevich, Nick Brey, Billy Brown, Drew Breuckman.

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FROSH BOYS BASKETBALL: Front Row: Andrew Kiger, Aaron Orosz, Brett Haskell, Tim Patrick, Kyle Gagliardi, Justin Ham; 2nd Row: Coach Earnie Huffman, Coach Dan Momin; BackRow: Peter Parks, Jake Melendy, Matt Torres, Stephen Galik, Blake Pals, Ty Luebecke, Jacob Gasaway. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



TRIPLE DOUBLE: Driving for the basket freshman Dejan Stefanovic charges through the defenders for a lay up. Stefanovic was one of the five freshman junior varsity players this year. He was played the guard and forward positions for the team. PHOTO BY L. Tizak



SCORING OPPORTUNITY: While protecting the ball against her Laporte opponent on senior night, Claire Grubnich (12) looks up in hopes of finding the hoop and scoring. "Senior night was really important to us all because we all have been waiting so long for it and it meant a lot that the sophomores put so much effort into the night," Grubnich said. Senior night ended in a win and also marked the last home game for the girls.

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Right: With her complete focus on the basket, Sydnee Reeves (12) gets ready to shoot the ball.

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WINNING STREAK

BY: Sammy Vercellino

Not only were the girls excited, the coaching staff was also very pleased with the start of the season as well. "It was a great start and it showed that the work the girls had put in during the summer had paid off," head coach Scott Reid said.

to keep up our winning streak going, but we knew it was going to be tough," senior Claire Grybnich said.

Coach Reid knew the season would get tougher, too. Therefore, he tried to keep the momentum going and the girls motivated by giving inspirational speeches before both practices and games. "Mr. Reid would tell us don't give up and don't start thinking that you are better than everyone else because you are going to have a target on your back now," senior Sydnee Reeves said.

Even though the rest of the season did not go as well as the girls had planned, the winning streak still brought recognition to all the girls. "Winning nine games in a row was a great feeling and you just hoped the rest of the season was just as great, but as our record shows, we just did not end up with nine more wins," Reeves said.



VARSITY BASKETBALL: **Front Row:** Maegan Maloney, Sydnee Reeves, Clare Grubnich, Daniela Tarailo, Florencia-Garcia Vicente; **2nd Row:** Kelly Gross, Coach Ken Wring, Coach Scott Reid, Coach Matthew Welsch, Coach Allison Isailovich, Victoria Connelly; **BackRow:** Allison Geisen, Madeline Moore, Alex Joseph, Zarah Cecich, Kelsey Batz.

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PSYCHING UP: As the girls are about to go out on the court, their coach is giving them a pep talk. Victoria Connelly (10) prepared to rush the court with great force. "I concentrated on shooting and eliminating distractions," Connelly said. The team had great chemistry and worked very well together. "Without those girls, our season would not have turned out as successful as it was," Ingram said. PHOTO BY L. Titak

PORTRAIT OF A GUARD



LISA KURTH
JV basketball guard

Sophomore Lisa Kurth was an aggressive, energetic guard for the JV basketball team. Through her physical tendencies on the court, her go-getter mentality was quite evident. "I am attacking the basketball," Kurth said. However, Kurth's ferocious attitude didn't stop her from bonding well with the team. "We all got along really well," Kurth said.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: Front Row: K. Jermiah, S. Sum, C. Baron, P. Dessauer, E. LaMere, B. Ingram, 2nd Row: K. Dross, M. Stiener, C. Maupin, M. Prough, J. Blue, A. Usdowski, Coach Ken Wring. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK

LEFT TO RIGHT:
(Left) Hannah Crider (10) brushes past her opponent while driving toward the basket. "I was determined," Crider said. (Middle) Beth Ingram (9) is passing the ball through the lane, and attempting to draw a foul. "I was confident to win the game," Ingram said. (Right) Alexis Joseph (9) gets in her zone as she focuses for her freethrow. "I was trying to relax and make it," Joseph said.



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PUSHING FORWARD

BY: Evan Wilson & Sammy Vercellino

As the buzzer sounded, the girls looked at each other with ecstatic faces because they had battled the Valparaiso Vikings into an overtime period. The girls could not believe that they had kept up with the quick play and intensity the opposing team possessed. The Vikings were one of the hardest teams in the conference. However, the girls proved that they were a force to be reckoned with when they defeated the Vikings for the first time in ages. "My favorite part of the season was when we beat Valpo. It was exciting because we were the only one's to beat them in the league," sophomore Hannah Crider said.

The season also contained many other surprises that always kept the girls laughing. One time in particular, their coach, Ken Wring, was so upset during a game that he threw a chair in order to release his frustration and anger that was

built up inside of him. "My favorite part of the season was when my coach, Coach Wring, got upset during a game and threw a chair over the bleachers. It was very funny and totally unexpected because usually he is a really nice and calm guy to be around," freshman Beth Ingram said.

Even though there were surprises throughout the season, many of the traditions still remained intact such as the team spaghetti dinners. "My favorite part was when the whole team got together for the spaghetti dinners. We all got along really well and it was fun to just sit around, talk, and laugh," sophomore Victoria Connolly said.

Also, the girls kept the tradition of getting food before a game alive, as well. "The team usually always got food and we would all just listen to music in the locker room," freshman Jordan Blue said.



JV BASKETBALL: Front Row: Nicole Cooper, Kelly Madolone, Kendal Brown, Courtney Kvachoff, Martha Polus; 2nd Row: Lisa Kurth, Alexis Joseph, Morgan Frame, Hannah Crider, Coach Allison Isailovich.

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JV BASKETBALL

Hebron	42-33
KV	52-22
Portage	38-9
Warsaw	38-37
Chesterton	26-44
Hawover	33-9
Lowell	39-13
LaPorte	51-08
Lake Central	24-33
Boone Grove	51-06
Vaughn	41-36
Michigan City	41-21
Menerville	34-17
Portage	18-24
Chesterton	27-03
Lake Central	16-24
Michigan City	36-24
LaPorte	48-12
Valpo	32-48
Menerville	28-18
Evans Revere	14-6

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Boone Grove	41-18
Portage	25-15
Michigan City	26-12
Menerville	44-12
Chesterton	26-17
Lake Central	11-28
Vaughn	28-42
Menerville	16-19
Highland	41-28
Hammont	23-17
Lowell	51-15
Chesterton	28-18
Milster	36-18
Lake Central	24-31
KV	28-14
Vaughn	25-27
Andrew	41-19
Portage	33-15
Hobart	44-26
Evans Revere	15-4



LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: Natalie Lesko holds onto the ball while her opponents come to try to strip it away. "The best part about basketball was having fun," Lesko said. Middle: Nick Cohn sets up to take a shot. "My favorite part about this year was scoring and getting rebounds for my team," Cohn said. Right: Greg Foulds dribbles the ball down the court for an attempt at scoring. "My favorite about basketball is the fans," Foulds said.

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FAST BREAK

SPECIAL OLYMPIC BASKETBALL

Season	2012
League	W
Conference	L
Division	L
Overall Rank	10
Team Record	10-10
Coach	B

11th Grade

How often have you heard someone say "I play for the love of the game?" They may say this, but their actions do not always show it. Playing for the love of the game was exactly what our Special Olympic Basketball team did. This team practiced hard, and played to succeed, regardless what the scoreboard said. Coach Brandon Lorek and Coach Anne Domasica worked tremendously hard with these great young athletes to achieve their success. This year's season was as exciting and rewarding as each of their previous years. The team this year compiled a record of two and four. Although they ended with a losing record, they achieved many of the goals they set forth. Some of their goals were to play hard, enjoy their teammates, and to simply have fun. As the season progressed the players grew not only as people but as teammates, friends, and ath-

letes. "My most memorable moment of this year was making new friends and having fun with them," Miranda Neuman said. The kids worked extremely hard on and off the court juggling their time between school, practices, and games. "I wanted to shoot a three pointer," Chenoa Partin said. Besides personal goals, some of the players had goals for their team. "I wanted our team to beat West Lake this year," Natalie Lesko said. Although this goal was not achieved this year, these athletes will not stop pushing forward until they complete all of their goals. The athletes truly play for the love of the game, but also share that love throughout other sports. Besides participating in sports during the school year, some of the players take part in other extracurricular activities throughout the town. "I liked to go bowling with my family when I'm not playing basketball," Partin said.


BY: Tori Welker



SPECIAL OLYMPIC BASKETBALL: - **Front Row:** Cassandra Veljanoski, Ryan Gagliardi, Emily Ulrich, Natalie Lesko, Sammy Balicki, Robert Thurman; **2nd Row:** Danny Stevens, Angela Baltzersen, Gloria DenHartog, Raymond Fraley, Joey Smith, Caitlin Szymborski; **3rd Row:** Coach Anne Domasica, Chenoa Partin, Nick Cohn, Greg Foulds, Cuetanco Krsteuski, Miranda Neuman, Russel Hill, Coach Brandon Lorek.



ALLSTARS: Kaitlin Szymborski dribbles the ball down the court while her fellow teammates Danny Stevens and Emily Ulrich block the opponents coming after her to steal the ball away. "My goal this year was to make two baskets," Szymborski said. Besides her own personal goals, Szymborski loved spending time with her team and having fun. "I liked to practice with everyone and to make new friends," Szymborski said. PHOTO BY B. STEVENS



STICKING IT: Junior Lindsay Warga is standing for the crowd after landing her vault attempt. Warga has been a gymnast since freshman year and takes pride in the sports lifestyle. She said that her favorite event though was the balance beam. PHOTO BY M. TRISIC

LIFESTYLE OF A GYMNAST



ELIZABETH MAXWELL
Senior Gymnast

"This year bars was my favorite because I got three skills, many more connections, and improved all my skills from last year. Plus sometimes it is just fun to swing around," Maxwell said. She has been a member of the squad for her whole high school career. Maxwell, for her last year, topped off her season and earned a new PR in all her events.



JACQUELYN CANNON
Junior Gymnast

Jacquelyn portrays the difficult life that tags along with being a gymnast. "Lifestyle of a gymnast is harder than it seems. You have to eat very healthy, constantly work out and never lose your flexibility. This causes you to put in the hours to have practice six times a week," Cannon said. Through passion and hard work she made beam her best event.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

Left: senior Holly Sheffer prepares to make her sprint for the vault event the mental preparation for the sport is key. Middle: Swinging on the uneven bars, senior Trisha Eberly begins her event. Eberly this season qualified for state competition. Right: Preparing to start her event on the uneven bars, junior Mercedes Gonzales takes time to get herself mentally focused.



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RAISE THE BAR

BY: Brad Jones

"We havd practice 4 or 5 times a week for two hours and fifteen minutes. Our lives basically consisted of gymnastics and that's it," junior Melissa Monix said.

This was the life of a gymnast. The girls spent their years pushing their bodies to the limit every practice. "It's rough. Gymnasts practice all year round, and during the season, I put fifteen plus hours a week. Outside of practive the team is expected to eat right, stay in shape, and condition on our own. It is a ton of work but all the pain, bruises, cuts, tears, frustration, and scars are totally worth it," senior Elizabeth Maxwell said.

The girls push themselves through the sweat and tears to succeed at their best events. "My favorite event was the floor. I loved this event because you got to do the most tumbling and show off for the crowd," senior Amanda Halsted said.

Some girls on the team had idols which

they respect and look up to in gymnastics. "Shawn Johnson because she was young, energetic, and awesome to watch. She was a great icon for young gymnasts," sophomore Lindsay Howarth said.

Not only are world class gymnasts the girls' idols. Senior Trisha Eberly was an icon for junior Jacquelyn Cannon. "She's someone I really looked up to. She had worked so hard and always been a positive figure on the team. She helped the team so much and gave the 110% at practices no matter what. Next year, I hope to be more like her, so I can be a great captain. I will miss her so much," Cannon said.

The girls thus pushed through the bumps and bruises, and followed their models to build off each other's success. Gymnastics as declared from the girls was more of a lifestyle than just a sport.

CANASTOTA

Calipatria	100.0
Crescent	101.1
Laguna	105.3
Portage	102.0
Lawrence	106.94
Menlo Park	105.5
Menlo Park City	98.4
Kings	105.85
Lake Central	106.04
Crestview	100
San Jose	107
San Jose	100
San Jose	100
San Jose	100



GYMNASTICS: **Front Row:** Trisha Eberly, Amanda Halsted, Holly Sheffer, Elizabeth Maxwell; **2nd Row:** Jessica Palfi, Mercedes Gonzales, Jacquelyn Cannon, Lindsay Wargha; **Back Row:** Lindsay Howarth, Allison Ban, Whitney McDowell, Nicole Quint, Sarah Maddack, Taylor Hawkins, Stephanie Scott, Kelly Bonich. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



FINISHING THE RACE: Madison Cortese tries her hardest to finish her one mile run against Chesterton. "Even though I was tired, I fought to finish anyway," freshman Cortese said. Even though it was a hot day and the girls this year had so many games have been moved and even though it was all crazy, Cortese and the others still managed to stay with it and still keep fighting to win it all and go all the way. PHOTO BY L.TITAK



STICKING THE HAND OFF: Seniors Nate Haverstock and Denzell Miller stick the handoff to maintain the lead. The 400 x 100 team broke the record time. The teams dominance on the track was the result of practicing the hand-offs daily.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: Freshman Tyler Kral puts all his force behind the shot-put to project it as far as possible at 45 degrees. Middle: Senior Courtney Miller competed his first year of track for the varsity high and long jump. The discus was the best event for senior Jon Cooke who threw the discus in conference for his first and last year.



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LONGEST YARD LONGEST YARD

BY: Brad Jones

The pure red track set a different atmosphere for any team that came to compete at a home meet. "The red track showed that we were compassionate about our team; it was an extra sense of pride to see knowing we were the only school with it," sophomore Israel Mercado said.

The season started and gave the athletes a whole new lifestyle "Track had made my lifestyle more healthy and much more competitive," sophomore Ryan Santelik.

The preparation though throughout the season was made to allow the boys' to peak in athletic ability in time for the tournament season.

The D.A.C. was a remarkable meet because since three records were broken. The success only brought the team through to fourth place, but the team was only expected to do better in time for sectionals.

Sectionals was the next step forward

when the boys' had to take talent to the next level. The athletes did their part and took 2nd overall following Merrillville who took first by over twenty points.

Throughout the season, records were broken. Brady Schuster set a new school record in the 400m dash of 48.91 seconds, breaking Joe Kacmar's record from 1968! Denzell Miller set a new school record in the 300m IH of 38.53, bettering the record that he had set the previous year. The 400m relay team of Israel Mercado, Brady Schuster, Nate Haverstock, and Denzell Miller set a school record of 43.10 seconds.

The 1600m relay team of Brady Schuster, Nate Haverstock, Nick Kabella, and Denzell Miller set another school record of 3:21.14. And the 3200m relay team of Andrew Facemyer, Kyle Davis, Chris Shellenberger, and Brian Witt set a new sectional record of 8:09.92.

Varsity Track

Lowell	144-88
Manover	104-27
East Chicago	134-20
Merrillville	52-80
Vaparaish	3-99
Chesterton	81-71
Michigan City	90-42
LaPorte	83-46
Lake Central	18-54
Portage	6-56
DAC	4th
Sectionals	2nd
Final Results	7-4



Boys' Track and Field: **Front Row:** Jake Ely, Clay Follmar, Eric Banser, Joe Nejman, Tommy Renn, Brandon Graham, Sam McLean, Victor Childs, William Kroncke; **2nd Row:** Nate Haverstock, Jake Masolak, Sotin Hovardas, Jake Heuberger, Tommy Roseberry, Mike O'Connor, Miles Oney, C.J. Hopp, Jerett Nelson, Nick Bruno, Pat Jansen, Leif Jansson, Santino Larios; **3rd Row:** Coach Dan Hartman, Denzell Miller, Nick Kabella, Kyle Qualizza, Jordan Krajci, Shawn DeBoth, Ryan Santelik, Colin Lukas, Andrew Facemyer, Takuya Nakashima, Cody Pickett, Zack Ahearn, Coach Keith Iddings, Coach Lafayette Armontrout; **4th Row:** Marcus Trybula, Dan Stephenson, Jacob Budde, John Hannon, Omar Suleiman, Nick Baranczyk, Andrew Anglis, Zach Myers, Travis Woosley, Chris Klein, Scott Rogers, Greg Luers, Kyle Davis; **5th Row:** James Vavrek, Mike Cieselski, Tyler Smith, Jeremy Kooi, Conrad Deedrick, Brandon Benton, Tor Jansson, Brad Pusateri, Jake Castellanos, Jacob Gerken, Nathan Byrd, Justin Cunnane; **Back Row:** Xavier Barral, Evan Langbehn, Brian Witt, Brad Hiller, Zach Breuckman, Brady Schuster, Jon Cooke, Tyler Kral, Chris Shellenberger, Brad Jones, Ryan Dobbins, William Miller, Stephan Kuypers.



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LEFT TO RIGHT:
Left: "I think that boys' soccer is harder than girls' soccer," said Daniel Relinski (10). Middle: In full concentration, Kelly Gross (10) hits the ball across the net. Right: Defender Elizabeth Phillips (11) watches the ball at her feet. "My favorite memory was dancing in the cars (with my girls Claire and Sammy) on our way to our games in the summer," Phillips said.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

**BY: Brad Jones
& Chris Shellenberger**

The age old fight, boys vs. girls. Students tend to be competitive at all times and throughout any sports to be in the spotlight. "I think guy sports are more competitive than girls sports, that made them better," senior Alex Cipolla.

The competitions between the sexes are different. For example, the athleticism between gymnastics and football is on completely different ends of the spectrum. "No guy would ever want to wear a leotard like I do and to flip on a four inch beam. It would be much harder for boys since they are bigger," sophomore Jaquelyn Cannon said.

The battle thus pursued though as teams such as girls' and boys' basketball both compete in the same time frame. The fans then were stuck on to debate which team to go watch. The same problem arose for the softball and baseball teams. They play

the same exact sport with the same rules, but the boys may have more strength than the girls.

The question then came about should boys' and girls' be put on the same team, would there be leadership or competitive issues? "Teams should not be conjoined because boys are physically better and girls could become too emotional or sensitive. The aggressive and rough nature of boys in a sport would make being lead by a girl impossible amongst the guys," sophomore Israel Mercado said.

Both boys and girls had the competitive nature to get the win. At any of the games, the shouts and cheers were heard at both sexes sporting events. Although the strength of boys did outweigh the physical capability that limits the possibilities in men events. Girls, on the otherhand, have the greater flexibility to move around.

PORTRAIT OF A PLAYER



MATT ZURBRUGGEN
varsity baseball player

To be a softball player. It is like playing a different sport [compared to baseball], but you have to have the same mind-set and work ethic because you have the same things happen to you. We're both very competitive teams and sometimes argue but we both want to see each other succeed."

PORTRAIT OF A PLAYER



MORGAN FASO
varsity softball player

"Baseball and softball have the same concept and require the same things. They both have their difficulties. Even though the boys think they are better and stronger than us and are in constant competition with the softball team, I still think they are equally hard sports to play."



FROM THE BUNKER: "To hit the ball out of the bunker was a tough shot but it went in," said freshman David Raymond. "I think that this happened on the very first hole of the Lakes of the Four Seasons course against Boone Grove," said Raymond. Raymond had good year for a freshman but shot his best at Palmira.

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PORTRAIT OF A RUNNER



CHARLES HOPP
cross country runner

"Boys' cross country is harder because we run miles upon miles and the girls just run for thirty minutes everyday. One of the biggest challenges we face is that the other runners in guys races fight back. If you do not like that they cut you off

[during a race] then you cut them off or attempt to knock them over without touching them."

PORTRAIT OF A RUNNER



CARLI AMODEO
cross country runner

"Girls' cross country is more difficult than boys because all the boys do is go on long runs. The girls actually do workouts to help make us better runners. Some challenges we face are the rules from the officials. Hair back with no pins,

no jewelry, and no pins in the shorts. All the boys have to do is show up and they are good to go."



SHOWING TALENT: With smiles on their faces and pomps in their hands, the dancers give it everything they have at Showcase. "It was really great to be able to perform in front of my family and friends here at our school," sophomore Jordan Hendrickson said. Like Hendrickson, many of the girls used the Showcase as a time to show family and friends just what they had been working so hard to achieve. PHOTO BY E. HANEY

PORTRAIT OF A DANCER



KARA SODO
Varsity Dance Captain

"Almost all of us have known each other since elementary school and have danced together before. Just being able to finish off my senior year with a group that I've grown up with is something I will never forget. It was also satisfying to know that

we finished the season strong."



CHRISTINA LUNDY
Junior Varsity Dance Co-Captain

"Our greatest accomplishment was scoring 82 and getting first at Regionals. Dance team was a great team to be a part of and everyone had a lot of fun. I would say my most memorable moment was getting to have an after practice party at Pizza Hut.

Our teammates became like sisters."

LEFT TO RIGHT: Erupting from the floor, the Varsity dance team pumps up the crowd during halftime. Starting off the Jazz routine at Showcase, freshman Carson Smack shows off her powerful heel stretch. During halftime, the Varsity dance team bursts into its pom routine.



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PUSHING LIMITS

BY: Erin Haney and Katrina Kuiper

Every muscle aches, every move is struck with precision, and with every competition there is a rush of excitement as you walk out onto the floor. This was the life of a dance team member. "Dance lets you express yourself," sophomore Jordan Hendrickson said, "When I have a bad day, I just dance and I feel so much better."

Being on the team, the girls had a chance to have fun and really bond with one another. Senior Chelsea Bowman said, "We were literally with each other everyday during our eleven month season. We all shared the same goals and dreams and because of that we had an unforgettable, successful season."

However, dancing is never as easy as it looks. Junior Bethany Komaskinski said, "It was hard making everything in our routine as perfect as possible." To make that near perfection, the dancers had to put in a lot

of long hours. "The worst part is having late night practices before competition," junior Christina Lundy said, "You always get really tired the next day for school."

All the hard work was well worth it though. Varsity placed first in both jazz and kick and JV placed second in jazz and third in pom continuing the several years of excellence. Making it to nationals, Varsity gave it everything they had. Bowman said, "It felt amazing to come home with second and fourth in the nation again. I was completely ecstatic being national runners up two years in a row. Not to mention our seventh championship in high kick."

One thing that was for sure was that the moments they have shared together will last a lifetime. Hendrickson said, "My most memorable moment was at state. Before we took the floor, I remember us yelling at the top of our lungs 'CP put a boom in it!'"

Varsity Dance

Procyd Kick	First
Procyd Pom	Second
National Kick	First
National Pom	Second
State Central Kick	First
State Central Pom	First
Regional Kick	First
Regional Pom	First
State Kick	First
State Pom	Second
National Kick	First
National Pom	Second

JV Dance

Procyd Kick	First
Procyd Pom	Second
National Kick	First
National Pom	Second
State Central Kick	First
State Central Pom	First
Regional Kick	First
Regional Pom	First
State Kick	First
State Pom	Second
National Kick	First
National Pom	Second



VARSITY DANCE Front Row: Samantha Harnois, Staci Foglio, Simone Favor, Kara Sodo, Chelsea Bowman, Hayley Plummer, Natasha Boyd; Back Row: Celina Fraire, Katie Frank, Bethany Komaskinski, Allie Bowdish, Jessica Spangenberg, Jessica Lilovich. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



JUNIOR VARSITY DANCE: Front Row: Rebecca Farnsworth, Christina Lundy, Megan Kybolt, Jordan Hendrickson; Back Row: Christina Lundy, Mariae Nelson, Sam Mora, Carson Smack. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



LEADING THE FANS: Varsity cheerleaders entertain the crowd with stunts between quarters. "The hardest part about cheerleading is communicating when stunting, and attempting new builds," junior Madeline Chambers said. "I love being thrown in the air, and doing hard stunts," sophomore Alex Follmar said.

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FRESHMAN CHEERLEADING: Front Row: Rachel Torkelson, Jillian Cipolla, Shana Wingley, Kayla McKinnon, Rebecca Vajola, Ashlee Pascarella, Jessica Kats, Rachel Covacic; 2nd Row: Madalyn Menn, Emily Balicki, Adriana Lugosan, Victoria Robison, Lindsey Artuso, Lauren Edwards, Sierra Anderson. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK

PORTRAIT OF A CAPTAIN

KAITLIN CANNON
varsity cheerleader



Senior Kaitlin Cannon has been a cheerleader since elementary school. She has been on the varsity squad for four years. "Being a captain means leading and organizing your team," Cannon said.



THE HOME RUN: Senior Mike Kozlowski takes the pitch the other way as he hits one of his many homeruns. "I did tons of work in the off season. I put in many hours in the weight room, working on developing power in my swing. I also did batting drills to help keep myself from turning too much in my swing," he said. Kozlowski will be attending John A. Logan Junior College in Illinois to continue his baseball career. PHOTO BY M. MYERS

LEFT TO RIGHT:
Matthew Zubriggen (12) gets the signal from the coach McCaleb to give the next pitch. Beau LaSalle (11) gets ready for the hitter to hit it his way. "I wanted to make no mistakes when I was out there because if I did my job and got the out, the pitcher would know that he had his back." Brian Holloway (10) knocked a hit with the baseball to open the game off with a base hit.



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FIELD OF DREAMS

BY: Mark Myers

Chicago White Sox broadcaster Hawk Harrelson created the saying "he gone" pretty popular. That quote was one that could have been said all throughout the entire year. With the team dominating on the mound, in the field, and at the plate, the team conquered any feat that stood in its way. "Hype is just talk we didn't care about," senior Miles Atherton said, "We just went out and took care of business."

With numerous hours put into practice, weights, and conditioning, the boys were ready to put in another good season trying to live up to the hype that they had. With numerous fans from around hoping to see the team do as well as they did the previous year, the team came out swinging for the fences. "When I was up to bat, I tried to stay relaxed and focused on the pitch," junior Scott Donley said, "When I saw the ball come at me and I made contact, I knew I was getting on base."

Offense wins games, but defense wins championships. This was true as well. Not only did the performances at the plate help keep the momentum in favor of the boys and keep the pressure on the opponent, but the defense kept the other team off the score board.

With strong performances on the mound, the other teams struggled to find a way to get on base. "It was nice that our offense was awesome because it took tons of pressure off me while I was on the mound," senior Mike Kozlowski said. Not only was the pitching a huge factor, but the errors that were made by the team were next to none. "Coach did an awesome job working with us to help us play errorless ball." With stellar performances, the team rallied together and ended up having another winning season along with another Duneland Athletic Conference title, Sectionals, and Regionals.



Varsity Baseball: Front Row: Matt Zubriggen, Beau LaSalle, Miles Atherton, Brian Holloway, Mike Kessler; 2nd Row: Trey Aultman, Jake Lindeman, Mike Manion, Jose Andrade, Mike Kozlowski; 3rd Row: Coach Gabriel, Colin Casey, Nathan Hasse, Jeff Limbaugh, Josh Negel, Scott Donley; 4th Row: Coach Kruga, Coach Hadary, Coach Strayer, Coach McCaleb, Coach Huffman, Coach Blind. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK

VARSITY BASEBALL

Eliott Memorial	6
Hobart	11
Munster	14-2
Griffith	10-7
Indian	9-3
Michigan City	5-0
LaPorte	7-1
Hawkesville Central	24-7
Siloam	13-7
Mishawaka	10-2
Ellettsville	1-3
Chesterton	5-2
Portage	15-0
Lake Central	12-2
Memphis	11-6
Michigan City	6-1
LaPorte	9-4
Chesterton	9-0
Peru	10-5
FW Central	10-6
Indianapolis	11-3
Portage	1-4
Lake Central	13-0
Memphis	13-0
Boone Grove	10-1
S.B. St. Joe	7-0
Nattinger	9-2

Sectional	
Hobart	10-2
Vaparaíso	8-3
Chesterton	10-2

Regional	
Concord	11-9
Lake Central	13-8

Semi-State	
FW Snyder	2-4

Final Record	30-3
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State Championships
Crown Point Classic Champions
Chesterton Sectional Champions
LaPorte Regional Champions



THROWING HARD

BY: Sammy Vercellino & Kyle Davis

When all the snow had finally melted away and the grass began to grow in thick and green, everybody knew what season it was. It was baseball season. A season that consumed the lives of the players who played. A season that consisted of games and practices everyday and made the word 'break' seem like a foreign concept. However, none of this bothered the young players on the teams since baseball was their way of life. "I played baseball because it was fun and I was good at it. Also, I had played my whole life," freshman Nick James said.

The boys played hard every time they stepped onto the field because all of them were hungry to win. Also, the fear of losing was not an issue to the boys since they possessed both the confidence and skill needed to win the games on their tough season schedule. "The Lake Central

game was my favorite game because that game really boosted our confidence level," sophomore Stephen Lowe said.

The season games served as learning tools for the boys, too. The games allowed the boys to see how much they were improving as well as to show everybody the new techniques and skills they were being taught at practice by their knowledgeable coaches. "My favorite game was the first game of the season because it showed everyone what we had learned and people finally got to see how we played as a team," freshman Nick Brun said.

The coaches also loved to see their players learn from the mistakes they made at games. "I coached because coaching joined my two biggest passions: teaching and baseball," freshman head coach Daniel Hadary said.



Front Row: Brett Bayer, CJ Becerra, Austin Atherton, Brad
Second Row: Steve Lowe, Joe Hopman, Spencer Rapchak, Alex
Third Row: Jacob Neagle, Corbin Bish, Kevin
Chris Gabriel.



FRESHMAN BASEBALL: Kyle Gagliardi, Seth Allen, Austin Stanley, Nick Brun Nick James, Brett Haskell, Aaron Orosz, Sean Qualizza, Kevin Brunski, Adam Kutemeier, Colton Saroff, Allen Krause, Drew Breuckman, Nick Gerolimos, Stephen Galik, Dejan Stefanovic, Head Coach Daniel Hadary. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK

LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: Standing in the batter box, Adam Kutemeier (9) patiently awaits for the right pitch to hit from the opposing pitcher. Middle: Infielder Colton Saroff (9) secures the rolling ball into his mitt before he stands up and throws. Right: With a slight lead off of second base, Brett Haskell (9) watches the play carefully and decides not run to the next base.



PITCHING STRIKES: Pitcher Nick Gerolimos's (9) brings back his left-hand and gets ready to release the ball straight down the middle of the plate. "I was a pitcher because I loved the pressure you got when you pitched and it was the most important position on a baseball diamond," Gerolimos said. Gerolimos played baseball because he loved the sport and it kept him busy.

PHOTO BY J. ZARATE



LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: Katrina Klingberg (11) catches the pitch and gets ready to whip it down to second to prevent a steal from the other team. Middle: Diving into second, Amanda Kekelik (10) quickly returns to the base before getting thrown out by the opposing team. Right: Leading off the lineup, Gabby Raspopovich (10) slams the ball for a line drive in hopes of scoring a run for her team.

MAKING HISTORY

BY: Jennifer Zarate

A season meant for building up a strong team from young players produced successful results as the softball team had a winning record. It all started with the momentum gained after their first win. "The first game of the season was against Penn. We were losing 1-0 the whole game. In the 7th inning, we scored 2 runs and won 2-1! We never gave up and this was just the beginning of our history-making season," sophomore Victoria Connolly said.

The girls truly made history when they won the Duneland Athletic Conference title. The team played rival Lake Central who they previously lost to early in the season by one point. "The L.C. win was hands down a complete team effort. The first loss in the beginning of the season to them made us more motivated to win," senior Jessica Martinez said. This was the teams' first DAC win ever.

After the conference victory, the winning momentum carried on through the sectional games. In the first round, the team played LaPorte. "Going into the game, we were ready to get revenge on them," sophomore Jessica Palm said. "Last year we lost to LaPorte in the sectional championship so it was good to win this year." After that game, the next round of sectionals was against Chesterton to whom they suffered a loss and ended their season. "We didn't play bad; we just had two main errors that cost us the game," junior Katrina Klingberg said. "They lost their next game anyways. We know we can beat them next year," she added.

Coach Crutchfield summed up the season by saying "Even though the it ended unexpectedly soon, we made history with our first conference title. We have a great nucleus in place for next year."



VARSITY SOFTBALL: **Front Row:** A. Thompson, K. Maddalone, J. Beiffuss, K. Kuiper, R. Jenks, A. Amodeo, T. Larson, R. Fontanyi; **2nd Row:** A. Uzdowski, D. Kozlowski, K. Klingberg, J. Martinez, L. Rolf, K. Gulvas, V. Connelly, M. Maddalone, M. Abbeduto, A. Kekelik; **Back Row:** Coach Stephens, Coach Britton, C. Kvachkoff, N. Vangilder, M. Faso, T. Perry, J. Palm, G. Raspopovich, M. Karas, K. Batz, M. Gulvas, Coach Crutchfield, Coach Holtz. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



SAFE SLIDE: After making her way around the bases, sophomore Victoria Connelly slides into home plate in hopes of making it safe and scoring the run for her team. "I was safe sliding into home," Connelly said. "It was a close game, so scoring the run gave us a big advantage in the score," she said. Connelly scored a total of 12 runs for the Bulldogs for the season.

PHOTO BY L. TITAK

PORTRAIT OF A FIELDER

ALLISON AMODEO

right field

After playing softball for over ten years, sophomore Allison Amodeo had much experience at different positions on the field, but concentrated the season on perfecting her right field skills.

"This season was an interesting one. I was very satisfied with my

performance. I tried for every catch possible and achieved my personal goals for this year," she said. "I think next will be even more successful."



PORTRAIT OF A FIELDER

RAEANNA JENKS

second base

For freshman RaeAnna Jenks, softball was more than a hobby; it became a way of life. "Softball had always been fun, but this year beat them all. I played about all of the positions positions, but this year I focused a lot on my base running," Jenks said. She had

been playing the sport since the age of 6 and was enthusiastic about future seasons to play. "I loved my team; I couldn't wait until next year!" she said.





LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: Sophomore Nick Grubnich takes a shot for the green. Grubnich was a top competitor for the region schools' teams. Middle: After the initial drive, sophomore Broc Jackson looks for his next placement. Broc did well for his first year competing J/V. Right: Going for the green, senior C.J. Balmes looks to see where he will be hitting from next. C.J. competed with the varsity squad.

NICE APPROACH

BY: Brad Jones

VARSITY GOLF

Rensselaer	W
Borsey Central	W
North Hudson	W
Borine Grove	W
Arden	W
Hawes	W
Highland	W
Lowell	W
Hobart	W
Lake Central	L
Cheshire	L
Marysville City	L
Monticello	W
Mattituck	W
Capron	L
Merrill	W
Oriskany	W
Salisbury	W
Salisbury	W
Merrill	L
Merrill	L
Lowell	W
Pelee	L
Pelee	L
Pelee	W
Chesapeake	W
Long Grove	W
Frederick	L
Davidson	W
Frederick	W

Golf was a sport of concentration and form. The team was formed after tryouts were held in order to pick out the best of the crop. After tryouts, the pre-season took off starting with practices at the Youche Golf Course, which was located directly behind the high school.

Practices were taken very seriously as the boys took time to perfect their swing and their putting technique. Much of the boys' time was spent at weekend tournaments or at weekly matches held all around the area. At times, the boys' would tee off early in the afternoon and not stop playing until late into the evening.

Patience was a necessity in the sport. Also, it was the key to the development of each member on the team and as a whole. Sophomore Broc Jackson said, "Patience was the most valuable characteristic a golfer can have. Patience was what

helped me through tryouts by relaxing and keeping focused." He also added, "Golf allowed me to use patience, and it was about the persistent challenge that each hole could bring you." Although Jackson had only been on the team for one year, he exceeded all expectations.

Broc was not the only golfer to use patience and perseverance to his advantage on the course. Senior Ryan Qualizza said, "Without patience you would not have been able to stay focused and that can blow your game up," he also added, "Perseverance was a good characteristic to keep because when you mess up on a hole you just forgot about it and just learned to move on."

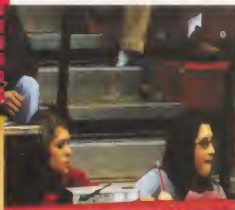
Patience, endurance, concentration and strength were just a few of the techniques the boys' used to achieve greatness in the sport of golf.



Boys' Golf: - Front Row: Jake Vingua, Paul Kendell, Ryan Qualizza, T.J. Gordon, Pat Limbaugh, Ryan Foulds, Ryan Edwards. Back Row: Coach Boswell, Matt Moehl, Broc Jackson, Mat Lee, David Raymond, C.J. Balmes, Scott Rykovich, Nick Grubnich, Johnny Merzin, Coach Kutermeier. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



GOING FOR THE GREEN: Senior Ryan Qualizza concentrates on his put for the hole. Qualizza has been with the golf team for all four years. He had earned his spot as one of the best golfers from his experience on the team. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



LEFT TO RIGHT: Brice Anderson (12) throws a basketball in during a drill. Kaylie Slosson (9) and Amanda Steiner (10) keep the score of the wrestling match. Jay Ferrell (11) fills up a water bottle so it is ready for the players.

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PHOTO BY T. VERBICH

UNSUNG HEROES

BY: Mark Myers

INJURIES AND OTHER THINGS

Bloody Noses
Cuts
Cramps
Shin Splints
Tears
Contacts
Ring Worm
Sprains
Filling water coolers
Making Ice Bags
Restocking Med Kits
Getting Towels
Filming
Stats
Rehab
Cleaning the Whirlpool

Having to do all the behind the scene action and get very little credit sounds fun, right? Well, I guess if you are a trainer or a manager it is.

"As a trainer, we did not get a bunch of credit, but we all still showed up because we loved it," junior Brenna Wermers said, "It was also fun because I was able to get to know all the athletes."

The trainers went all year everyday after school to help out head trainer, Trent Trump, with the duties of helping tape up the athletes and making ice bags.

Some of the other trainers kept doing what they did for other reasons that to get to know everyone. "I liked getting to know everyone who came in for some kind of help," senior Jessica Palfi said, "But the main reason I did training was because it dealt with the medical field, and that is what I wanted to go in."

With the trainers doing loads of the

behind the scenes work, the managers did a nice fair share of it as well. "I helped manage the basketball team for the four years I was here," senior Paul Otte said, "I kept the stats and helped run the clock during practices, and I really didn't get much thanks, but I did it because I enjoyed the atmosphere of the games and getting to travel with the team."

Other managers did what they did for other reasons besides the reason of love. "I helped manage the wrestling team and loved it," sophomore Amanda Steiner said, "But I did it mainly because wrestling is in my blood. I have grown up knowing wrestling and it just felt right being there."

"I am going to miss the feeling of being on the team," senior Brice Anderson said, "My advice for others who want to be a manager is this; it might not sound fun, but it is, and it is very rewarding to know that you were able to help out a winning team."



TRAINERS AND MANAGERS: - Front Row: J. Zarate, J. Palfi, K. Molden, C. Anderson D. Dvojacki, B. Hown; 2nd Row: K. Overbey, K. Myers, B. Wermers, J. Long, M. Sharp; Back Row: A. Nowak, S. Vandergriff, J. Golob, B. Anderson. PHOTO BY VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK



INTERCEPTION TURNOVER: Waiting intently on the sideline for a time out, senior Caroline Anderson waits with her towel and water bottles. "I extremely enjoyed being able to meet new people, help them feel better, and learn some things that will help me later on in life." Caroline ended her senior year by being a four year trainer and was accepted into college. PHOTO BY T. VERBICH



DO OR DYE: Junior Darian Goodlander dives for cover as he avoids his opponents' attacking fire. "Luckily, I strategically worked my way around the field and took them both out," Goodlander said. Goodlander's lone effort to pull his team out of a numerical disadvantage left them with a victory. "With the motivation of my teammates and the crowd cheering us on made me determined to win," Goodlander said. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY DARIAN GOODLANDER

PORTRAIT OF A HOBBIEIST



BRANDI KAFANTARIS
Bowler

Bowling has been an exciting past time for Brandi Kafantaris(11) for many years. "I started bowling when I was five years old," Kafantaris said. She was first introduced to the game by her father, who had been bowling since he was

young. "My influence was my dad; he had been bowling since he was little, too," She said. Her love of the game was shared with her friends and family.



JAKE ROSENBAUM
MMA Fighter

MMA fighting has been a fairly new experience for Jake Rosenbaum (12); however, he was familiar with contact sports from his years as a wrestler. "I've been wrestling my whole life, but MMA fighting for about seven months," he said. Al-

though wrestling was a tough sport, Rosenbaum wanted more of a challenge. "After I quit wrestling, I wanted something more extreme," Rosenbaum said.

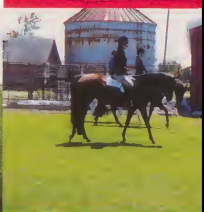
LEFT TO RIGHT: Left: Ammy Easto(11) races her 87' Monte Carlo at the Illiana Motor Speedway. Middle: Mr. Jacob Rodriguez holds up his buck after a successful day of hunting in the woods. "Hunting is a very enjoyable way to relax and Mr. Rodriguez said. Right: Samantha Gasaway (11) practices her posture with her horse as she prepares for show season.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY AMMY EASTO



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MR. RODRIGUEZ



FOR THE LOVE OF IT FOR THE LOVE OF IT

BY: Evan Wilson

Trekking through the dense forest, stalking game may not be the first idea that pops into your head when you think of sports, but for Mr. Jacob Rodriguez, going on a hunt was the perfect hobby sport for entertainment and relaxation. "There was not a better place to relax and collect my thoughts," said Mr. Rodriguez.

Like Mr. Rodriguez, many people have used hobby sports to unwind, have fun, and become closer with friends and family. "My father was an avid outdoorsman, and he has taught me everything I know," said Mr. Rodriguez. Mrs. Jan Lowery has also used a hobby sport as a fun way to stay close with her family and friends. They bowled together in a church bowling league. "It gives us time together to do something we all enjoy," said Lowery.

However, there was no limit as to what a person could do, and many hobby sports could be attributed to hard work and sweat. Mrs. Karen Cox and her son, Billy Cox, enjoyed working out and boxing at the gym One-in-a-Million Boxing. Mrs. Cox began working out at the gym six days a week

for about three hours a session, while her son worked there. "Once I started boxing, I realized what a good workout it was," said Cox. Although it is not a conventional way for a mother and son to spend time together, they had made a good team, and kept each other accountable. "Even now, when he was away at college, he still makes sure that I am working out," said Cox.


Although, not as physical, pool could be another sport that tests the mind and coordination. "Pool was a sport of skills and math," said Brandi Stevens(12). Stevens had been honing these skills for eleven years now, having entered the world of pool sharks when she was only seven years old. "When I was seven, I started playing bumper pool, then I upgraded to the big table when I was eight," said Stevens.

No matter what sport, from hunting game to landing punches in the boxing ring, it's all about feeling great, having fun, and getting that blood pumping. "It is a little difficult to make time to work out, but I feel better after working out," said Cox.

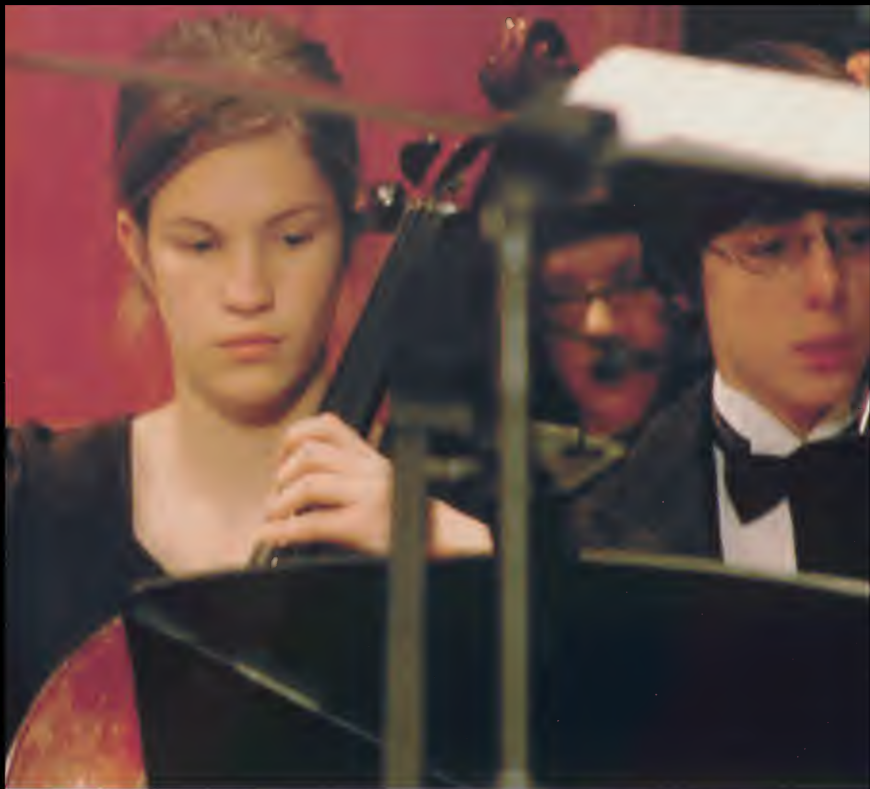
Top 10 Hobby Sports

Boxing	1
Fishing	2
Golfing	3
Swimming	4
Canoeing	5
Ice Skating	6
Cooking	7
Reading	8
Gardening	9
Painting	10

Source: Sports Illustrated



From running a blood drive, to cheering the students up with hilarious acts in plays, numerous clubs come together to better the school. They also had the potential to pave the way to a particular career that may interest them in the future. Junior Jake White said, "I wanted to become a machinist so [the Lathe Dog Club] can help me to get into my profession, and it allowed me to get a better chance to practice in how I wanted to fulfill my profession." Other students joined clubs to have the chance and to achieve a more cultural experience out of high school. From diving into a pool, to the depths of the Atlantic ocean, students had a chance to further educate themselves about wildlife. Junior Bethany Komarinski said, "I joined the Scuba Club for a cultural experience to learn more about the ocean and life underneath." She also added, "To have a chance to go scuba diving with everyone was an awesome experience that I will never forget." With over sixty-two clubs, students came together and had the chance to find their own unique niche



CULTURE CULTURE

setting the standards Student Council

Leadership. Persistence. The ability to work under pressure. These are all qualities found in Student Council members. They worked hard throughout the year for several great causes. For instance, the money that was collected from the Crush Can sales went directly to Riley's Children's Hospital. Also, Student Council spent several months planning, raising money, and participating in their biggest event: St. Baldrick's. "I truly loved St. Baldrick's. Watching so many students show support for pediatric cancer research and patients was such an awesome sight," said Student Council advisor, Mrs. Rachele Raloff. They raised money through Penny Wars, and the shavees themselves each collected money. They ultimately raised \$23,618.84 for pediatric cancer research.

Student Council members also organized events such as the Special Needs Dance, the Talent Show, the Blood Drive, the Homecoming activities, and the Christmas decorations. Every event required committed members to give up their time and help out. Between organizing these events, Student Council managed to have some fun, such as the trip they took to the Student Council Conference. Also, in their pursuit to become an Honor Council, they took part in a school exchange with Washington Township.

Ultimately, Student Council set an example for all of the students who aspired to be great leaders. "Being in Student Council taught me to be more responsible, reliable, and a better listener which has all helped me to become a better leader," junior Julia Erler said. **BY: SAMANTHA WHITE**

socialize After a long but entertaining morning of workshops at the Student Council Conference, juniors Corinne Kocher and Daniel Julius enjoy lunch with fellow Student Council members from other schools. The weekend was filled with fun and the gaining of new ideas for all students who attended. "My most memorable moment from Student Council was going to state convention—the entire trip was so much fun,"

Kocher said. PHOTO BY S. WHITE



portrait of a representative



Jacob Barber (9) was a newcomer to Student Council. "I thought it would be interesting and I don't regret my decision in the slightest," he said. Barber was involved in many events throughout the year. "You know you're in Student Council when you spent half of your life in the LGI or Mrs. Raloff's room and you didn't care that you could be doing something else," he said.



support Selflessly showing his support for pediatric cancer research, Bradley Pusateri gets his hair buzzed off. He raised over \$400 and chose to go bald, just like millions of children with cancer who do not have that choice. "I chose to do St. Baldrick's because there are kids just like me that have cancer, and I wanted them to know they were not alone and that we stood behind them and admired their courage," Pusateri (11) said. PHOTO BY S. WHITE



Lower Student Council Front Row: Jenny Jacques, Danielle Harnois, Alexandra Horst, Lindsey Wacnik, Ashley Kutemeier, Amanda Stagoski, Lindsay Howarth, Kaitlyn Whiting; Second Row: Cassie Fitchau, Evie Turner, Kelly Roston, Aliya Khan, Elizabeth Gardiner, Missy Phillips, Samantha Vercellino, Rachael Fronck, Savanna Bordui, Gracie Argenta, Kelsey Shoemaker; Third Row: Elizabeth Szafrarczyk, Needa Malik, Krysta Rodd, Don Pedro, Matthew Smith, Justin Ritter, Megan Tobias, Kristin Overbey, Rachel Adams, Katelin Krenzko; Back Row: Abbey Jaranowski, Hannah Schuttler, Brittney Buher, Michaeline Cooper, Jacob Barber, Andy Vandenberg, Jordan Clements, Adam Kiltmeier, Katrina Zdanowicz.



exchange After a culture shock of spending the day at Washington Township, juniors Jordan Clements and Shelby Hesser along with Student Council Advisor Mrs. Rachele Raloff discuss the day's events. "The vast difference in schools was so drastic. Also, we played a competitive dodgeball game. We weren't very good at all," junior Jennifer Jacques said. PHOTO BY S. WHITE



decorate Showing their holiday spirit and loyalty to Student Council, senior Dominique Dvojacki and other Student Council members stay after school for several hours to put up the Christmas tree. "You know you're in Student Council when you stay at school until six o'clock on the Friday before Christmas break setting up a broken Christmas tree," senior Hannah Jaranowski said. PHOTO BY S. WHITE



Upper Student Council Front Row: Nikkole Stagoski, Lorin Bork, Hannah Jaranowski, Esther Jin, Hannah DeLaughter; Second Row: Kristina Budgin, Milijana Trisic, Samantha White, Dominique Dvojacki, Nina Underwood; Third Row: Rachel Ignas, Heather Brogdon, Samantha LaMantia, Daniel Julius, Avram Suson, Wesley Wood; Back Row: Andjela Tarallo, Adam DeBoth, Alexander VanGorp



Student Council Executive Officers Front Row: Kristina Budgin, Hannah Jaranowski; Back Row: Rachel Ignas, Samantha White. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

leading and serving

Key Club
LEAD

Whether it's helping out with a community Halloween party or getting freshmen excited to start high school, student organizations such as Key Club and LEAD (Leaders in Education and Development) brought students together for a common cause. Also, these organizations began preparing students for life beyond high school.

"Being a member of LEAD was very encouraging," junior Paige Hynek said. "I want to be a special education teacher when I'm older, and for Mrs. Hynek to choose me to be the 'spokesperson' for Peer Tutoring was really pushing me to be what I can be," she said.

Key Club took part in the community by hosting their Halloween party, aimed at bringing younger kids into a safe environment, providing various games and a haunted house.

"I loved the kids at the Halloween party. They were so much fun and seeing them dressed up was so cute!" sophomore Holly Schoenbeck said.

Also, the Key Club took part in the Heart Walk, sponsored by St. Anthonys. Members walked around the Fair Grounds, to raise awareness for heart disease.

"Doing the Heart Walk made me feel like I helped people. It was something that I really enjoyed taking part of," sophomore Eric Landers said.

Both LEAD and Key Club put forth their time and effort, organizing events to both entertain and scare, and made both the community and school a better place. **BY: ALI ZABERDAC**

Why did you decide to
join Key Club?

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*"A few of my friends
were in it last year, and it
seemed really cool."*
Gabby Touchette (10),
Key Club



teamwork During the Halloween party, members of the Key Club, including president Adam DeBoth (12) and sponsor Mr. Marcinek, help set up for the haunted house. "I decided to run for president, and I guess I persuaded the people to vote for me," DeBoth said.

PHOTO BY A. ZABERDAC



bulldog rush

Justin Ritter (10) helps prepare the school for the Bulldog Rush to welcome the new freshmen. "I helped because I thought it would be a good thing to do and it seemed fun," Ritter said.

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leadership

Matthew Cruz (12) and fellow LEAD members take part in the leadership camp held during the summer. "I got involved with LEAD through orchestra," Cruz said.

PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI



dedication

Megan Binder (12) takes notes at the leadership camp. "At the camp we learned some effective ways to organize and control the members of the groups we lead. We learned to be firm but fair," said Binder. PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI.



community

Gregory Birmingham II (11) prepares for the haunted house at the Key Club sponsored community Halloween party. "I decided to help out with the party because I like the holiday and it sounded like fun. I regret not dressing up scarier," he said.

PHOTO BY A. ZABERDAC



awareness

Students came together during Go RED - Heart Disease Awareness Week with the CP Community, sponsored by LEAD, to decorate their doors for the cause. Mrs. Bonich's English 9R class sets up for the judging, which occurred later that morning.

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KEY CLUB Front Row: M. Struve, H. Schoenbeck, K. Molden, C. Grove, A. Banyon, S. Bordui; Second Row: Y. Musleh, F. Javed, N. Vega, M. Spall, K. Landers, M. Rutherford, A. Kulemeier, M. Malik; Third Row: T. Mirza, K. Schultz, S. Davis, G. Touchette, A. Higgins, S. Snooks, E. Landers, S. Ferry, D. Mendoza; Fourth Row: Mr. Marcinek, A. Kulemeier, A. Khan, S. Magish, C. Gyure, H. Schutter, C. Masolak, N. Amodeo, M. Dean, M. Cacovski; Back Row: K. Emery, K. Rodd, K. Zdanowicz, A. Vandenberg, B. Schuster, A. DeBoth, G. Birmingham, M. Zdanowicz, E. Gardier. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



LEAD Front Row: E. Szymanski, M. Arciniega, P. Hynek, L. Hasse, A. VanCleaf, C. Anderson; Second Row: K. Drasga, S. Gallas, S. White, S. Vercellino, H. DiGiacomo, K. Keilman, M. Jacobs; Third Row: K. Rostin, E. Fleszewski, T. St. Aubin, D. Julius, T. Verbach, A. Young; Back Row: C. Novelli, K. Kujawski, A. Van Gorp, R. Farrell, B. Zolfo, A. Vandenberg, K. Hoernig. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

voices for change

FCA
FCCLA
MSA

The students who were involved in clubs worked hard to come out on top and placed their whole hearts on the line to achieve their goals. The students in the FCCLA saw past their high school lives and chose to make a decision to help their future. "This program helped you believe in yourself as a person and as a leader," sophomore Katie Meyers said.

While they benefitted themselves, they also gave back to the school and each other. "Doing things for our school and the community gave you a feeling of worth," junior Kaitlyn Whiting said.

Expressing their different points of view, all groups grew as people. Different students were kept in touch with their religious beliefs through charities and school activities. They let everyone know what they were about and what they stood for.

The FCA practiced their faith during Monday morning prayers outside of the school as they held hands, a stronger bond held them. "I felt very inspired by the other students that gathered to pray," junior Anna Ortiz said. "There was a sense of unity, faith, compassion and strength that can only be described as love," she said.

While observing the month of Ramadan, the MSA hosted an event where everyone was welcome to fast for a day to experience what Muslims all over the world participated in for the holy month. "The fast-a-thon was really fun and I didn't expect so many people to show up," freshman Mona Nour said. "It showed that no matter what you believe in we can all be together and just have a great time." All the groups found friendship in each other and brought their stories along with what they believed in. **BY: MARWA NOUR**

together

MSA members gathered together and brought to life the meaning of companionship. With different cultures and backgrounds they came together and learned to communicate on a higher level.

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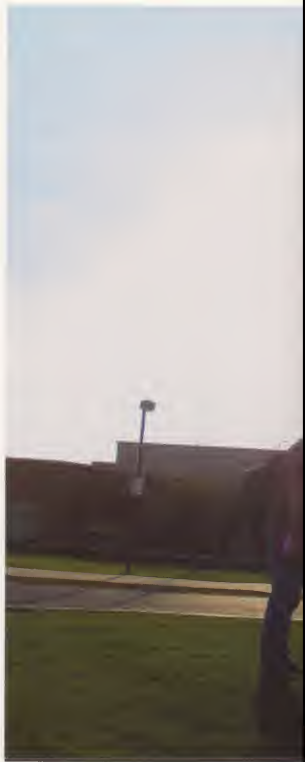
portrait of a believer



"I basically base all my decisions and actions on my beliefs," freshman Haajar Shaaban said. "I can't imagine what my life would be like without my beliefs, it would probably affect my life in a negative way," Shaaban said.



"My beliefs play a major role in my life," freshman Katie Baker said. "I go to church Wednesday, Saturday and twice on Sunday. It consumes a lot of my time, but if it weren't for religion, who knows where I'd be," Baker said.





prayer Meeting at the Pole before school, "we don't want any of the glory," sophomore Alyssa Bostick said. "We are just praying for the souls of all these kids. We do it for the Lord because we are just His tools," Bostick said.

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FCCLA Front Row: Kaylie Slosson, Katie Myers, Ashley Villareal; Second Row: Kaitlyn Whiting, Julia Enrie, Morgan Zimmer, Lauren Avans, Melanie Wagner; Back Row: Devin Fox, Tess Pickett, Brittney Buher, Hanna Tokoly, Ashley Romano. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



standing out FCCLA members pull together, and discover ways to better their community along with themselves. "We talked about more than just fundraising or helping the community, we could talk about our problems to an extent," junior Ashley Villareal said. They brought change in the forms of fundraising and charities and found friendship in their work.

PHOTO BY E. HANEY



stepping up FCA members stand in unity as they acknowledge a bond between them and their faith. "We always had encouraging young teenagers," sophomore Stephanie Burke said. "People who would lift you up. It's a group where everyone was welcome."

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FCA Front Row: Kathryn Huls, Taylor Fieck, Roy Miller, Katelyn Baker, Courtney Russ, Anna Ortiz; Back Row: Stephanie Burke, Megan Dean, Robert Ebbens, Tiffany Drasich, Morgan Zimmer. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



MSA Front Row: Haajar Shaaban, Iqra Beg, Mona Nour; Second Row: Miss Camey, Faiza Javed, Aliya Khan, Mava Malik, Yasmin Musleh; Back Row: Tuba Mirza, Needa Malik, Fahad Ahmed, Marwa Nour, Samia Khan. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

concentration

1 was working on the cannon hubs. I was using the Bridgeport," senior Robert Ellsworth said. When students took the class, Machine Shop, they started off with easier projects and they eventually worked up to the harder projects. The cannon project was known as one of the longest and hardest projects in Machine Shop class and club.

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honor Sophomore Brandon Stieve shakes hands and receives the grant from Pat Huber with the Crown Point Community Foundation. The Robodogs built or remodeled their existing robot every year. The grant that they received this year played a vital role in having the funds to be able to pay for the parts for their new robot.

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Xbox Club Front Row: Brandon Stieve, Nathan Bappte, Mr. Bernacky, Second Row: Michael Olivari, Mason Cole, Jack Holland, Trevor St. Aubin; Back Row: Ryan Hanes, Stephan Kuyper, Jacob Barber. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Robodogs Front Row: Mr. Mark Query, Joseph Chape, Elizabeth Fleszewski, Keith Nichols, Megan Tobias; Second Row: Ian Hubble, Annis Ashbrook, Casey Paczkowski, Brandon Jaworski, Jack Holland. PHOTO BY L. TITAK




Machine Shop Club Front Row: J. Chalos, N. Peach, J. Reiley, M. Gambini, M. Conn, Mr. Trapp; Second Row: J. Swope, A. Berkes, R. Polisson, K. Evans, N. Gallas; PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI

cutting the edge

Robodogs
XBOX Club
Machine Shop

Time to learn a new skill and time to enjoy that experience with fellow students. Students in Machine Shop Club, Xbox Club, and Robotics Club shared a similar interest and enjoyed what the clubs could teach them. "I felt the Machine Shop class and club would help me later in life by advancing my machinist skills," said freshman Chris Bieker. Some clubs did not meet all that often but Machine Shop Club met every Wednesday. "We worked on our projects that we needed to finish in class, so we could get farther in class during our meetings every Wednesday," said freshman Kolton Evans. Getting work done was important to many of the club members. "I enjoyed Machine Club because it gave me time to work on what I didn't finish in class," said junior Alex Berkes. "My favorite part about Machine Shop Club was to hangout," said freshman Jacob Reilly. A few of the Machine Shop Club students just enjoyed hanging out at meetings but some liked to get extra work done. "My favorite part of the club was how it let me achieve more in the class. We could do our projects and get done faster. And it was very fun," said freshman Mike Duffy.

Robotics Club or Robo Dogs spent their time fundraising and then building the robot for competition. It could take up to \$30,000 just to be able to compete nationally. The parent boosters, the Robo Roosters, assisted with the fundraising and helped to acquire grants from sources such as the Crown Point Community Foundation, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, and the NASA Robotics Alliance. Also, Xbox Club met ever so often, and at their meetings they usually brought their favorite games for competitions. All club members shared a similar interest and creativity. **BY: CHRIS SHELLENBERGER**



hardwork "My favorite part of Machine Shop that I have done was grinding a toolbit into the proper shape," freshman Nick Gallas said. Grinding a tool bit was one of the very first things that the Machine Shop students had to accomplish before they were able to go on to the bigger and more dangerous machines. PHOTO BY B. JONES



bridgeport Machine Shop student and Machine Shop Club member Joshua Swope (9) works on a machine called a Bridgeport. "My favorite part of this machine was that it wasn't like the other machines in the shop and it was more fun," said Swope. PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI



grant The Robodogs receive their grant towards the Robodogs Club from the Crown Point Community Foundation. The grant they received for \$4,700 was a vital part in building their new robot for this years competition.

PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI

by the NUMBERS

XBOX Club	10 members
Robodogs	10 members
Machine Shop	12 members

create and discover

Art Club
Improv
Marine Biology

Whether they were deep sea diving in the summer, training to be the next Picasso, or just laughing it up, Marine Biology, Art Club, and Improv Club had a year full of fun. The members of Marine Biology spent a few days under the sun in Key Largo, Florida during August. While in Florida, they participated in lectures and labs and went snorkeling and scuba diving. They even spent time in an underwater habitat. "I had been to the Marine Lab five times now and each time I learned something new and exciting," Mrs. Melissa Beach said.

Art Club spent their Wednesday afternoons sharpening their creative instincts. "I did a pencil drawing of my Converse shoes. It expressed my way of drawing in a realistic way," sophomore Katrina Hoernig said. They made unique and mind-boggling crafts. At Bulldog Rush, they showed off their crafts to entice the incoming freshman and encourage them to join their club.

Improv Club, led by the ever-eccentric Mr. Don Bernacky, spent many afternoons entertaining their senses of humor. By laughing with each other, they learned how to think quickly, keep the attention of an audience, and have a ton of fun. "I took theatre camp for two summers at the high school. They did little Improv lessons and I always liked them the best. Mr. B was my teacher so I said, 'What the hey! Let's try it!' and I was the only freshman that made it!" freshman Alexa Grzych said. **BY: SAMANTHA WHITE**

perform Entertaining the crowd during the break at the Talent Show, Trevor St. Aubin (12) and Anthony Rettig (11) show off their eccentric sides. This was only one of the performances where they inspired roaring laughter from the audience. "Being up on stage with the lights and the laughter of the audience was one of the most exhilarating experiences,"

Rettig said. PHOTO BY A. PARRISH



portrait of a comedian



Senior Jeri Gaoat joined Improv and spent the year laughing with new friends. Her favorite part was that the performances were never scripted and that she

had to use whatever popped into her head at the time. "I joined Improv because I wanted to do something memorable...Improv did just that! It was something new that the school offered," Gaoat said.

diving in Preparing to discover the mysteries of the deep blue sea, Marine Bio members dive into the ocean. While underwater, they saw shipwrecks and experienced all kinds of underwater excitement. "The most memorable moment from the trip was seeing the underwater hotel. I never even knew that one existed," sophomore Holly James said.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY M. BEACH



underwater While exploring the underwater world, divers go through dark caves and see various types of marine animal life. They swam with fish, eels, sting rays, and even sharks. "A nurse shark swam right past me! The adrenaline rush just went through my body, kind of like that feeling you get when you go on a roller coaster," junior Rachel Baker said. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY M. BEACH



inspire As the incoming freshmen pushed through the hallways, Art Club members encourage them to join. They displayed several of their projects to promote their club. "The Bulldog Rush was so much fun for us because we were talking to all the freshmen and having a great time showing them what Art Club was all about," sophomore Katrina Hoemig said.

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create Art Club members ride around the square in their creatively made and eye-catching float. Their Hollywood theme inspired them to make their own video camera and director's paraphernalia. They even recreated the Hollywood hill and made it in their own style.

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Improv Front Row: Kyle Land, Mr. Don Bernacky, Trevor St. Aubin; Second Row: Jen Gaoat, Alexa Grzych; Third Row: Emma Baker, Cally Kline, Michael Olivari, Anthony Rettig, Georgia Otte, Holly McGraw; Back Row: Niki Gazibara, Alex VanGorp, Ethan Breitweiser. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Marine Biology Front Row: Beth Kamasinski, Nicole Vega; Second Row: Mrs. Melissa Beach, Holly James, Jake Sanders, Michelle Wacnik; Back Row: Ethan Gresham, Jamie Cook, Garret Hogan. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Art Club Front Row: Mrs. Dorothy Duffala, Katelyn Miller, Emma Baker, Courtney Schmidt, Kelsey Bonhivert, Melina Arciniega; Back Row: Cassie Garrard, Ashley Young, Shelby Barron. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

pleasing the crowd

Fall Play
Cast & Crew
Thespians

Any student could tell you rumors travel far fast. In this year's theatre production, *Rumors*, we were able to see the comical side of these outlandish stories, and how far some will go to find the truth or keep it from others. Acting gave these students a thrill like nothing else. "I auditioned for the play because I love to perform," senior Lindsay Hasse said. "The adrenaline rush I get on stage is incredible."

The actors enjoyed a variety of personalities their roles had consisted of. "I loved getting the chance to play a character like Cookie Cusak, especially with Kelsey Drasga on the same part," junior Cally Kline said. "We were always coming up with new crazy corks."

Even hours of exhausting practice could not compare to being in front of a live audience. "One of the nights Trevor got so into the physicalities of his monologue and the audience's laughter that he lost his place and started ad-libbing as he went along until he tied it back to the actual script. All of us on stage couldn't do anything except react to what he was saying. It was scary but also exciting," Kline said. "The crazy part was Trevor actually made it funnier."

It wasn't always laughter and fun for these thespians. Dedication and hours of hard work went into their production. "It was difficult managing my time wisely and still finishing homework and doing things at home," Hasse said. "The hardest part was remembering all of my entrances and exits," junior Blake Zolfo said.

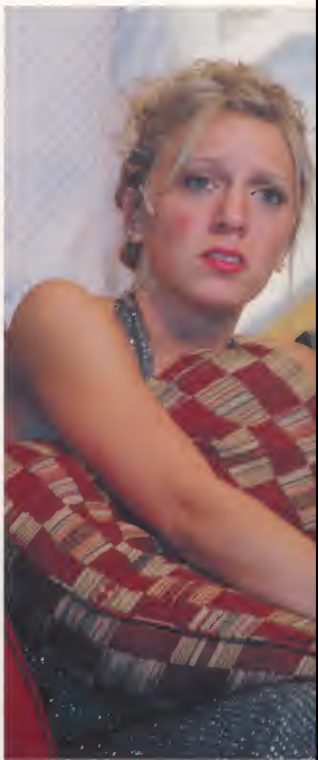
The play had a lasting impact on many of the thespians. "*Rumors* was one of the best experiences of my life and the turning point that made me decide to pursue theatre as a possible career," Kline said.

Backstage

Junior Jennifer Jacques helps friend Lindsey get her hair ready for the big stage.

"The thing I enjoyed most about the play was probably just getting to know everyone really well. It was a small cast, so we all got to know each other very well."

PHOTO BY L. TITAK



portrait of a thespian



Senior Trevor St. Aubin was a thespian and member of both the fall play cast and crew. In previous years, he was a cast member in the productions of

The Music Man, *Shakespeare in Hollywood*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. "A thespian was someone who was hardworking and selfless because they don't get any recognition," St. Aubin said.



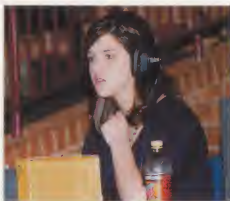
Lindsey Hasse

"During a performance, I accidentally forgot my line and said 'Blake Zollo' instead of his stage name. It was so embarrassing, but very funny. Hasse (12) said PHOTO BY E. HANEY



Anna Buccì peeks through the window on the set of *Rumors*. Buccì, a junior who is no stranger to the stage, acted in the play about how rumors can get out of hand.

PHOTO BY E. HANEY



Amanda Reid gives everyone a look at what goes on behind the actors and sets. As a junior, Reid was a member of the *Rumors*' cast and worked the soundboard.

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Fall Play Cast Front Row: Sarah Gallas, Cally Kline, Kelsey Drasga, Lindsay Hasse, Matt Smith; Second Row: Anna Buccì, Emma Baker, Aaron Fleming, Becky Cygan, Kit Degenhart; Back Row: Trevor St. Aubin, Blake Zollo, Ethan Breitweiser PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Fall Play Crew Front Row: M. Aroniga, D. Frampton, S. Michalik, J. Fornof, S. Holm, A. Jahovic, J. Jacques, A. Easto; Second Row: H. Day, B. Heckl, K. Klein, V. Needham, K. Drasga, J. Rose, C. Marshall, E. Rettig, R. Fronek, A. Horst, A. Springman; Third Row: T. Barnett, A. Reid, A. Kulemeier, J. Walters, S. Gallas, B. Wendt, K. Kennedy, E. Baker, J. Palli, K. Overbey, E. Featherstone, V. Vingua; Fourth Row: E. Gardiner, K. Miller, A. Fleming, P. Fitzsimons, T. Aulwurm, T. St. Aubin, E. Fleszewski, A. Tarallo, C. Kvachikoff, G. Otte, N. Sekuloski, K. Rodd; Fifth Row: B. Thomas-Chopps, D. Sweet, A. Young, M. Chlebowski, B. Zollo, K. Land, G. Casey, E. Gresham, P. Kvachikoff, J. Barber, M. Dean, C. Doppler, K. Degenhart PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Thespians Front Row: L. Hasse, J. Jacques, C. Kline, J. Fornof, J. Palli, K. Klein, H. DeLaughter, N. Stagowski, S. Michalik, D. Frampton, L. Gullett; Second Row: A. Kulemeier, K. Roslin, C. Marshall, S. Gallas, K. Papamihalakis, P. Fitzsimons, B. Hecht, J. Walters, K. Drasga, A. Buccì, T. Curant, A. Reid; Third Row: E. Baker, E. Featherstone, R. Fronek, A. Fleming, A. Rettig, A. Kollak, B. Thomas-Chopps, M. Smith, K. Overbey, T. Sykes, S. Walden; Fourth Row: A. Young, T. St. Aubin, A. Tarallo, N. Polisson, J. Budde, R. Temes, E. Breitweiser, C. Novelli, S. Ballas, M. Feliciano, K. Degenhart; Fifth Row: C. Kvachikoff, M. Chlebowski, B. Zollo, J. Langan, E. Gresham, B. Wermers, K. Land, P. Kvachikoff, H. Sheffer PHOTO BY L. TITAK

teamwork

Aanda Koliak in drum line, gets ready to perform at a football game. "It was fun to hear all of the hard work and practice come together during the season," said Koliak. "My favorite song was the third movement, Crazy Train because it was really cool to play and I had fun!" The Royal Regiment performed really well this year. PHOTO BY J. ZARATE



discipline

"Royal Regiment wasn't always the most fun, but it taught me how to deal with the most ignorant people in the world," said sophomore Caitlin Harrison. Harrison was also in Pep Band and played the saxophone. "We played a lot of cool music during the games and that made them all the more fun," said Harrison.

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Pep Band Front Row: Ali Zaberad, Amy Easlo, Rachel Kolavo, Casey May, Alahanna Tillery, Dominique Dvojacki, Lauren Cain, Justin Kaplan, Caitlin Harrison, Grace Gyure; Second Row: Bethany Wedn, Josh Ealy, Carrie Ohlencamp, Jeremy Kolavo, Tom Ladendorf, Kyle Rodd, Alex Randolph, Kelsey Emery, Kelsey Bonhivert; Third Row: Richard Wayne, Michael Lagastee, Shawn DeBooth, Mitch Beboth, Eric Weed, Ryan Farrell, Holly Sheffer, Katrina Hoernig, Robby Featherstone, Matt Bagnara; Back Row: Andy Vandenberg, Justin Golob, Charlie Wood, Jay Farrell, Grog Doppler, Taylor Barron, Tyler Dillon, Marcus Trybula, Stacy Vandergriff PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Royal Regiment Front Row: T. Bowman, T. Dillon, S. Eisinger, A. Kessier, J. Gaoat, A. Tillery, K. Overbey, H. Sheffer, A. Durachia, Second Row: Mr. Smith, Z. Langbartels, M. Vass, S. Heiligstedt, S. Vandergiff, C. Ohlencamp, E. Gazabara, P. Rowland, E. Flores, T. Ladendorf, D. Dvojacki, B. Wendt, K. Emery, S. Southworth, E. Stratton, K. Rodd, A. Koliak, J. Kaplan, B. Mihal, S. Gyure, C. Wood, K. Topp, K. Kelly, M. Sletto, Third Row: N. Tai, S. Malcenado, A. Kerr, D. Fabrics, A. Bonecra, G. Hogan, M. Bagnara, R. Ferrell, K. Hoening, E. Symanski, R. Kolavo, N. Riggs, A. Randolph, R. Jabaian, R. Wayne, E. Maxwell, K. Bonhivert, M. Sims, A. Pavot, C. Russ, S. Davis, C. Lindgren, M. Jacobs, J. Tai, H. Shutter, Fourth Row: E. Featherstone, E. Lohrmann, A. Detert, L. Cain, E. Weed, M. Lubeke, R. Featherstone, G. Touchette, M. Deboth, C. Masolak, M. Trybula, C. Ohlencamp, G. Otte; Last Row: E. Bain, A. Easto, J. Barnie, J. Tenofsky-Ealy, S. Sawa, M. Barnie, C. May, L. K. Hobson, G. Gyure, C. Harrison, A. Zaberad, R. Dykstra, R. Wood, J. Kolavo, B. Davis, E. Brehwiser, I. Hubbell, A. Seafurt, E. Mauger, D. Mendoza, A. Vandenburg, J. Bishop, T. Hofstra, S. Kulper, G. Doppler, J. Ferrel, T. Barron, M. Lagastee, J. Golob, A. Martin. PHOTO BY M. WAHLBERG

rockin the game

Pep Band
Royal Regiment
Color Guard

Music had always been a part of the football and basketball games, and the members of The Royal Regiment played their role perfectly. The band had gotten the crowd pumped under the direction of Mr. Johann Sletto. Junior Justin Kaplan said, "Football games were my favorite because I was with all my friends and we had a lot of fun together on the field." Also, another thing the members enjoyed was their trips together. "Last year we went on a trip to South Carolina, and it was the best trip ever!" said junior Charlie Wood. The band got along really well and enjoyed each others company. Even though football seasons had ended, there was still a whole season of basketball for them to enjoy. Pep Band was just beginning and they were ready to take it on. Freshman Jeremy Kolavo who has been in band for three years said, "This was my first year in Pep Band and I loved it because I met new people and getting the crowd pumped was so cool." Pep Band wasn't the only club with a challenge though. Color Guard included an intense dance routine that the members created and performed at the football games. "I joined Color Guard because when I was a freshman, my saxophone was too heavy to carry and doing this has been so much fun!" said senior Holly Sheffer. Sheffer was also in Pep Band and Royal Regiment and enjoyed all of them a lot. The three clubs are enjoyable for everyone because everyone gets along so well. Freshman Shawn De Both said, "My friends told me that band was really fun, so I tired out and I loved it!" Also, he loved the environment. "It's really fun to be around everyone and I love them." The band clubs all performed awesome this year. **BY: KYLE DAVIS**

leadership

Junior Taylor Collins leads the Color Guard in a special dance at the football games. "I love being in the band and being a leader," said Taylor. "I love being a leader and being a part of the band." Junior Taylor Collins leads the Color Guard in a special dance at the football games. "I love being in the band and being a leader," said Taylor. "I love being a leader and being a part of the band."



flying solo "I loved playing during the basketball games because they are really exciting and see the games is pretty sweet," said junior Richard Wayne. Wayne played the saxophone in Royal Regiment and Pep Band. "I can't wait till next year because it was so fun!"

PHOTO BY J. ZARATE



tubas Senior Ethan Bretwiser helped get the crowd pumped. "Pep rallies were really fun because it was awesome to hear everyone having fun." PHOTO BY J. ZARATE

band FACTS

Color Guard	14 Members
Drum Line	14 Members
Winds	26 Members
Brass	27 Members
Overall Total	59 Members

making the music

Advanced
Intermediate
Beginning
Jazz Band

To the members of the band, there are certain things that one must accomplish during the year. One: get a gold at ISSMA district. Two: get a gold at state. Three: survive the endless practicing to get these gold metals. Despite all the countless hours of work, the reward was well worth it. Junior Chelsea Masolak and sophomore Kelsey Emery earned both a gold medal and a perfect score at district. "I didn't expect a perfect score at ISSMA. I'm proud to win a gold and I'm glad I had the experience," Masolak said. "At first I was really shocked," Emery said about achieving such a great score. "I didn't expect to get a perfect. Overall, though I am really excited!"

For the Jazz Band, it was all about spreading some holiday cheer. They performed at Joe's Crab Shack during the holiday season, to play some festive favorites. Also, the Jazz Band traveled to Purdue for the Jazz Festival, and won many "Outstanding Soloist" awards. Juniors Mitchell DeBoth and Matt Barenie and senior Tom Ladendorf received this award, and also won the "Student All-Star Jam Session" award.

"Jazz Band was a whole different level," DeBoth said, when comparing concert to jazz. "You don't have to make-up a solo in front of an audience."

No matter what band you prefer, it's all one huge family, one that comes together and shares their love for music.

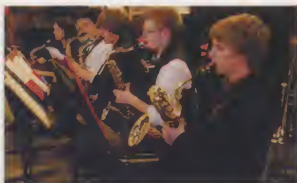
"I just really enjoy playing the music and being with the fun people," Masolak said. By the end of the ISSMA season, the members of the band are ready to "rest their chops" and await next year. **BY: ALI ZABERDAD**

What makes a good band director?

Q & A

"I think having a good connection with the kids and making band fun."

Freshman Erin Lohman



spreading cheer Richard Wayne (11) plays at Joe's Crab Shack, performing an array of holiday music. "It was really fun to play, and I would love to do it again. In Jazz Band, you got to play music that you normally don't get to in regular concert band." PHOTO BY: M. RIOS



sightreading Andy Vandenberg (10) plays his French horn during Advanced Concert Band. "Being a member of the band meant you were with a great group of people. It took up a lot of your time, but gave you your best memories in school. The best thing was being able to make great friends and coming together to accomplish a common goal of performing great." PHOTO BY L. TITAK



accomplishment During sight reading, Mitchell DeBoth (11) concentrates on his music. "There's times where you worked and worked on something until you got it perfect. You were proud about your accomplishment." PHOTO BY A. ZABERDACC



team player Michael Luebecke (12) plays with the Jazz Band during their holiday concert. "Being a member of band meant being a team player and pushing yourself and other members to improve." PHOTO SUBMITTED BY C. OHLENKAMP



Jazz Band: Front Row: Y. Shibasaki, D. Mori, C. May, Second Row: B. Wendt, C. Ohlenkamp, R. Wayne, J. Ealy, P. Jansen, A. Kolak; Back Row: T. Ladendorf, M. DeBoth, C. Doppler, T. Dillon, K. Rodd PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Beginning Band: Front Row: E. Stratton, L. Hobson, A. Pavoit, E. Lohman, A. Detert, A. Kerr, M. Vass, C. Grove, T. Daniels, Second Row: D. Mori, J. Kaplan, G. Mossbarger, A. Stanley, G. Hogan, S. Fleszewski, A. Kiger, C. Mehal, Z. Lmagbariles, Third Row: N. Riggs, R. Wood, K. Liu, S. Hovaras, J. Ealy, C. Bieker, E. Waples, A. Kolak, J. Barenie, Back Row: S. Luros, J. Kolavo, M. Kukuryga, T. Dillon, S. Kayper, N. VanGilder, R. Featherstone. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Advanced Band: Front Row: E. Szymanski, C. May, L. Cain, A. Seifert, J. Bishop, D. Gazbura, L. Randolph, C. Masolak, K. Bonivert, A. Easto, Second Row: M. Symmes, E. Maxwell, M. Jacobs, M. Barenie, B. Davis, M. Bagnara, E. Flores, A. Kolak, T. Ladendorf, E. Mauger, R. Kolavo, Third Row: G. Gyure, K. Emery, R. Wayne, C. Lindgren, K. Hoening, M. DeBoth, E. Breitweiser, M. Luebecke, K. Rodd, H. Sheffer, B. Wendy, Y. Shibasaki, Back Row: J. Kaplan, I. Hubble, T. Dillon, R. Ferrel, C. Doppler, S. Gyure, C. Wood, E. Weed, A. Vandenberg, P. Rowland. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Intermediate Band: Front Row: A. Zaberdac, J. Chough, A. Kupla, D. Mendoza, G. Touchette, S. Russell, K. Klingberg, T. Gandy, S. Chough, C. Harrison, Second Row: E. Landers, A. Tillery, D. Dvojacki, S. Parker, C. Mihal, S. Davis, R. Dykstra, S. Helix, Third Row: S. Sawa, C. Ohlenkamp, M. Lageste, R. Wayne, C. Watson, K. Hudacim, B. Davis, A. Randolph, E. McGrady, Back Row: S. Vandegriff, J. Ferrell, S. Southward, R. Jambaria, T. Baran, J. Golob, T. Hofstra, C. Reed, R. Ebbens. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

pride through performance

Chamber Orch.
Advanced Orch.
Intermediate Orch.

With sold out crowds at concerts and gold ratings at competition, the orchestras worked hard to bring pride through performance. The groups rehearsed everyday in class, but Advanced and Chamber Orchestras put in extra effort by meeting once a week after school. That effort paid for the Chamber Orchestra when they received a gold rating at the ISSMA Jazz Festival. "We worked really hard and a great time at the jazz contest," senior violist Elizabeth Fleszewski said, "It was awesome to see our hard work lead to Chamber earning a gold rating." Fleszewski along with the rest of the Chamber Orchestra also excelled at the District ISSMA competition. The group received a gold at the competition rating which allowed them to advance to the state level. The students in the orchestra found that the extracurricular orchestra helped better their musical technique "Chamber helped me to become a better musician and I wanted the challenge of being a member with the best orchestra in the school," sophomore Justin Ritter said.

The students in the Advanced Orchestra also a rewarding year. The group participated in a string festival held at Butler University. "Visiting Butler and performing there was one of my favorite orchestra memories," sophomore Rachel Adams said. The festival was lead by the university symphony conductor. Orchestra was more than just playing music, however. Many students learned life lessons while expressing themselves through music. "Orchestra has had a positive influence on me because it taught me responsibility and dedication," Adams said. With an outstanding record of earning gold in competitions, the orchestras brought honor and pride through performance. **BY: CATHERINE FLESZEWSKI**

teaching Orchestra Director Jim Deal helps students Jessica Bishop (10) and Andy Vandenberg (10) with learning difficult sections in music. Deal has been the conductor of the high school orchestra for over 35 years. "I looked forward to working with students everyday," Deal said.

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Orch. FACTS

ISSMA Jazz Contest
State ISSMA
ISSMA District

Gold
Gold
Gold



rehearsing The Intermediate Orchestra works with a guest conductor from Turkey to prepare for the annual ISSMA contest. Students worked for several months to prepare for the contest and for another gold rating. The orchestra met every day and worked on a variety of pieces. PHOTO BY A. PARRISH



Adv. Orch. Front Row: L. Volk, H. Schoenbeck, R. Kolovo, L. Ryzewski, M. Kelly, D. Frampton, A. Newlin, K. Kellman; Second Row: S. Troutman, M. Ellis, M. Hays, K. Landers, R. Reed, L. Randolph, E. Featherstone, A. Mendoza, N. Way, D. Caudill, E. Szymanski, A. Kessler; Third Row: T. Cantrell, A. David, X. Howey, L. Wurga, C. Kocher, J. Ritter, M. Tobias, A. Roberts, C. Masolak, M. Jacobs, R. Nowak, H. Janowski, J. Bishop; Fourth Row: J. Kaplan, R. Adams, M. Ralazzo, S. Edwards, K. Bonhuet, K. Delonge, A. Ciasa, K. Emery, B. Wendt, A. VanClef, H. Davis, S. Steffel, A. Selfert; Fifth Row: K. Rossi, E. MacKwell, C. Fleszewski, R. Schweitzer, T. Landendorf, E. Smith, A. Vandenberg, T. Hadden, E. Fleszewski, K. Petroski, E. Gazbara, A. Koltak; Sixth Row: H. Sheffer, E. Bretweizer, D. Misch, M. Adduco, R. Rombozo, C. Doppler, B. Hiller, J. Venegas, K. Lubecke, M. Cruz, K. Davis, I. Hubble, R. Farrell, J. McHale PHOTO BY L. TITAK



performing Senior Matt Cruz performs along with the Chamber Orchestra at a school board meeting. The group played several songs including the national anthem, to open the meeting. Chamber practiced after school almost every week to prepare for contests and performances.

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practicing Sophomore Daniella Gazbara practices with the Advanced Orchestra at a weekly rehearsal. The orchestra was preparing several pieces for the ISSMA organizational contest. The group worked most weeks after school to prepare for the contest.

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Chamber Orch Front Row: S. Troutman, L. Volk, T. Cantrell, H. Lubecke, A. Newlin, H. Schoenbeck; Second Row: Mr. Deal, A. Mendoza, A. Gazbara, C. Ohlencamp, A. Kulemeier, J. Ritter, S. Steffel, L. Berger, R. Reed; Back Row: E. Fleszewski, T. Salazar, J. McHale, B. Hiller, A. Jabrin, M. Cruz, R. Schweitzer. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Inter. Orch. Front Row: J. Clark, D. Bauhan, H. Valentino, B. Masolak, S. Wrigley, J. Ely, T. Passine, T. Smith, A. Trent, H. Marsh; Second Row: H. Lubecke, C. Hamilton, M. Kaplan, S. Maldonado, C. Jananowski, J. Vingua, L. Berger, N. Schlesinger; Third Row: J. Nettles, C. Sabo, C. Guevara, T. Alummom, P. Jansen, K. Cambell, N. Zdanowicz, L. Bain, A. Kulemeier, P. Katon; Fourth Row: D. Bass, N. Lee, B. Edwards, M. Andras, C. Kupchik, T. Salazar, J. Blue, L. McCarroll. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

hitting the notes

Concert Choir
Beg. Girls Choir

From rhythm to sight reading and scales to singing, they are just the first few steps choir members learned before they were to step out on stage. As freshmen girls who have become newcomers to the choral department, they have begun in Beginning Girls' Choir instructed by Mrs. Cynthia Bradford.

"In choir you learn a lot. You learn about music, but you also learn about performing and how it is to try new things and not shy away from experiences," freshman Stormie Cueto said.

After Beginning Girls' Choir, they move up in levels till they eventually have joined Concert Choir, which has been the top position in choir, instructed by Mrs. Joanne Haley-Borodine along with student teacher Mr. Stierly. For one of the Concert Choirs special concerts, members were a part of a conjoined musical celebration with Lake Central High School students. The celebration "Soul Fest," instructed by director Dr. Kulp, was an inspiration to some choir members.

"[The best memory from being in Concert Choir was] probably the concert we did at Lake Central. It was really cool being able to perform different cultured music with another school," senior Scarlett Walden Said.

On stage seems to be the best moment for many choir members, when they hit the stage it was their time to shine in front of everyone.

"The best thing is the feeling you get after you perform and people clap for you because you feel like you did the very best you could," said freshman Alina Cappadora. Members said more students should join them in the choir department. "I think if you're interested, go for it, who knows you might love it; I know I ended up loving it," freshman Stormie Cueto said. **BY: MALI RIOS**

What is the best memory
you've had so far in
Beginning Girls' Choir?



"My favorite memory is singing *Night of Silence* as we all (Beginning Girls' Choir) stood in the audience singing," freshman Alina Cappadora said.



lucas groff encourages more kids to be apart of choir. "Choir was where I made some of my best friends and I'll get to hang out with Mrs. Borodine for another year," Groff (11) said. Groff has also been involved with Show Choir and QYP since sophomore year.

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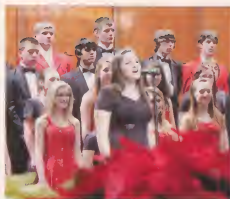
nick polisson sings during fall choir concert with Concert Choir. "The best part of being on stage and performing was the rush you get and also the applause you get from the audience," Polisson said. Polisson has been involved with choir since freshmen year and will be joining again next year. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



scarlett walden joins in with Concert Choir as they sing the national anthem at the Wrestling Pep Rally. Walden has also been involved with Show Choir and the musical. Next year, Walden (12) hopes to continue with choir while attending college. PHOTO BY J. ZARATE



donnella cassillas shares music with a fifth grader at All City Honors Choir practice. "You got to sing and learn so many types of music. I've learned so much on notes scales and a lot about singing," Cassilas (9) said. PHOTO BY M. RIOS



kathryn papamihalakis sings at the holiday concert, her solo piece to please the crowd. "It was really an incredible thing. I just loved the feeling of performing for people and the thrill of being on stage for an audience," Papamihalakis (12) said.

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carlie govert sings along with fifth graders at All City Honors Choir hosted by Mrs. Bradford after school during the month of March. "My favorite part of being involved with choir was getting to meet new people and making new friends," Govert (9) said. Govert also plans on continuing with choir throughout her high school years.

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Concert Choir Front Row: L. Hasse, C. Kline, C. Bowman, J. Bowman, B. Zakutansky, B. Iunilo, B. Cygan, A. Buccì, L. Gvillett; Second Row: A. Cook, L. Goff, K. Papamihalakis, E. Campbell, S. Polack, A. Fleming, E. Baker, E. Maxwell, M. Smith; Third Row: C. Shimley, T.J. Lange, S. Favior, N. Boyd, C. Kvachkoff, C. Novelli, A. Tarallo, T. Ladendorf, M. Feliciano, E. Breiweiser, N. Polisson, N. Jones; Fourth Row: M. Rivera, B. Zolfo, K. Land, M. Laus, M. Boyd, S. Hubbell, A. Deboth, B. Wermers, G. Birmingham, J. Ban, J. Lee PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Beginning Girls' Choir Front Row: P. Petro, A. Jahovic, K. Shoemaker, A. Miller, A. Becerra, K. McLaren, K. Joseph; Second Row: A. Lugosan, C. Goyert, L. Artuso, K. Shields, E. Balicki, L. Edwards, K. Kitchen, K. Towry, R. Fechalas, A. Vinovich, R. Torkelson; Third Row: M. Nelson, A. Bushnell, M. Koch, C. Andrews, D. Cassilas, C. Nowak, Y. Thomas, M. Wadkins, K. Palcek, J. Oresko, K. Mikus; Fourth Row: J. Basaldua, E. Darsey, A. Cappadora, K. Ingehart, L. Markowitz, S. Cueto, T. Sampson, E. Szafarczyk, E. LaMere, A. Mitreshies; Fifth Row: C. Clarke, R. Vajda, C. Komacars, L. Sanchez, R. Bain, L. Altpeter, J. Czerwinski, L. Donelf, M. Zdanowicz, K. Capnbell, J. Hlebek, A. Pascarella. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Mixed period 7 *Front Row:* A. Folmar, K. Lambert, B. Houchin, K. Miller, S. Fisher, J. Croel, A. Westerhoff, B. Johnson, J. Zarate, M. Rice; *Second Row:* N. Davis, H. Gurney, M. Puckett, S. Maldonado, A. Stanley, E. Starr, K. Blakeship, L. Miller, B. Kratochvil; *Third Row:* A. Frank, J. Michalik, T. Aulwurm, J. Teske, D. Bowman, R. Maluchnik, A. Rettig, E. Ward-Smith; *Back Row:* C. Wendi, J. Fischer, P. Kvachkoff, J. Lee, N. Brey, S. Vandergriff, N. Hamilton, A. Young, A. Krause. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Mixed period 3 *Front Row:* V. Needham, J. Saehoon, Y. Shibasaki, A. Adams, N. Tai, K. Myers, N. Albin, A. Springman, J. Nowak, L. Diamond; *Second Row:* K. Klingberg, A. Clark, K. Rastin, T. Durant, H. Bowman, D. Sweet, A. Calhoun, M. Zimmer, J. Hendricksen, S. Bryant, A. Hansen; *Third Row:* D. Miller, A. Renta, C. Newlin, G. Otto, R. Mauger, S. Lowe, T. Roseberry, T. O'Brien, P. Fitzsimons, M. Parks, E. Seberger, P. Kendall; *Back Row:* S. Kollak, M. Lambert, J. Budde, J. Hopman, E. Gresham, J. Smoot, J. Lanigan, R. DeBattista, R. Ternes, A. Dorsey, N. Edwards. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Mixed period 4 *Front Row:* S. Zmuda, T. Curley, S. Michalik, C. Siew, L. Tumbleson, C. Groff, T. Fick, V. Mala, A. Bostick, K. Denado, J. Lucas; *Second Row:* N. Bowen, E. DeLaughter, J. Gaoat, J. Boerman, A. Kastro, B. Alcott, Z. Claar, M. Monix, N. Jimenez, G. Argenta, J. Irons; *Third Row:* A. Alferakis, K. Overbey, R. Fronck, M. McCay, R. Baker, S. Favor, D. Hutchinson, E. Gardiner, K. Schultz, A. Freeman; *Back Row:* B. Starzak, J. Sewell, I. Mercado, N. Anker, B. Zolfo, B. Brown, B. Pals, R. Foulds, C. Jostes, A. Kleman, T. Gonsowski. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Treble *Front Row:* N. Corradin, L. Gullet, J. Fomof, K. Whiting, L. Stokoski, L. Hasse; *Second Row:* E. Scheidt, J. Rose, S. Troutman, A. Newlin, G. Semplinski, B. Fry, K. Drasga, J. Palfi, B. Iunilo, N. Stagowski; *Third Row:* P. Hynek, A. Sanchez, N. Vega, A. Kuhnreier, S. Gallas, A. Reid, K. Pear, B. Hecht, C. Marshall, J. Anglis, J. Vargas; *Fourth Row:* V. Connolly, C. Lowe, R. Hanson, J. Walters, T. Sykes, K. Gemach, A. Albina, K. Tanner, S. Walden, K. Rodd, L. Avans, C. Viers; *Back Row:* D. Bernacchi, L. Palmer, R. Maddack, B. Kamasinski, S. Ballas, S. Vandergriff, T. Coaston, J. Brown, M. Feliciano, N. Underwood, J. Guard. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



argenta Sophomore Gracie Argenta sings her song in the middle of the alto section at the fall concert. "It was such a fun atmosphere, the music was great and everyone was just having a good time," she said.

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advanced Members of the advanced women's choir perform on a Christmas decorated stage for the annual holiday concert. "Besides laughing, singing was the best thing you could do with your voice," Angela Abina (11) said.

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singing loud out

Treble Choir
Mixed Choir

People sing for fun or to make money or just messing around, but everyone sings because they love music. People could sing anywhere from in a choir, in the shower, and along with radio to a song one likes. "I like to sing along with my radio" freshman Pat Jansen said. Pat's love for music drove him to join choir. Choir had a big variety of students that join because of the interest in music and singing. "My Favorite part of being in choir is being able to sing everyday and get a school credit for it," junior Nina Corradin said. Singing was also a great way to let your emotions out. "Spring Sing let you sing and dance and go crazy, and everyone would think it's ok," Senior Trevor St.Aubin said. Choir brought all different types of people together to make something great. Choir could bring out the real person inside. Choir could also relieve your stress and let you express yourself in so many different ways.

In choir you could have a class with anywhere from a freshman to all the way up to a senior. It all depends on your voice ability. There were four parts in choir soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. These four parts came together to make music. Also, choirs could compete in contests outside of school. For example, ISSMA ensembles was the main contest for the treble and mixed choirs. In ISSMA solo/ensemble contest the three grades you can earn are the following bronze, silver, and gold. "Being apart of ISSMA was great, it was so much fun," Pals replied. Blake was in an ensemble and competed in the ISSMA contest.

Singing was not just done by quote, unquote choir kids. Athletes, band kids, and math bowl kids did it as well. Choir was not just meant for certain type of people. It was meant for people who enjoyed making music. That's what made choir so great. It was for everyone and anyone who wanted to be a part of it. Students were not afraid to sing out loud and let everyone know what they were about. **BY: BEN COTTRELL**




devotion Guys from the home choir perform at the Fall concert. "Cruz was a fantastic experience. I loved learning new music and developing my voice to become a better vocalist, and I loved my part in the choir." sophomore Billy Brown said.
PHOTO BY: C. SHELLENBERGER

What is your favorite part of being in choir and why?

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"My favorite part would be learning a song and performing it. It's pretty nerdy but being able to show your every single improvement makes me feel accomplished."
junior Angela Abina



Spring Sing "Our songs were from Wicked and we moved everyone in their seats," Ellory Scheidt (11) said. The Advanced Treble choir sang difficult songs with tricky rhythms from famous plays and musicals. "Even though the songs were hard, the choir had a great time at Spring Sing dancing."

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Girl's Show Choir *Front Row:* Alyssa Bostick, Nikkole Slagowski, Jennifer Zarate, Ellory Scheidt, Lauren Gullett; *Second Row:* Scarlett Walden, Kelly Pear, Brittany Iurillo, Hannah Delaughter; *Back Row:* Tara Durant, Taylor Sykes, Marissa Feliciano, Kelly Rostin, Nicole Vega. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Mixed Show Choir *Front Row:* Cally Kline, Rebecca Cygan, Elizabeth Maxwell, Brandon Zakulansky, Matthew Smith, Anna Buco, Jessica Rose; *Second Row:* Chelsea Bowman, Lindsay Hasse, Emma Baker, Simone Favor, Lucas Groff, Steven Polacek, Christine Kvachkoff, Natasha Boyd; *Third Row:* Ethan Gresham, Timothy Lange, Corinne Novelli, Ethan Breitweiser, Jason Ban, Michael Laus, Andjela Tarailo, Ryan Ternes; *Back Row:* Justin Budde, Brenna Wermers, Blake Zolfo, Kyle Land, Trevor St. Aubin, William Brown, Nicholas Polisson. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Bella Voce *Front Row:* Amanda Reid, Paige Hynek, Lauren Stokosi; *Second Row:* Kristin Overbey, Victoria Connelly, Rachael Harrison, Courtney Lowe, Cassandra Marshall; *Back Row:* Sarah Ballas, Kristen Campbell, Jamie Brown, Ellen Campbell, Krysta Rodd. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



QYP *Front Row:* Matthew Smith; *Second Row:* Lucas Groff, Steven Polacek; *Third Row:* Ethan Breitweiser, Jason Ban, Michael Laus; *Back Row:* Blake Zolfo, Kyle Land, Trevor St. Aubin, Stephen Hubbell. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



vocals Setting herself apart from the group, Sara Ballas (11) steps up to the microphone. "I joined Bella Voce to better my singing and have a new experience with my friends; sharing our love for music," she said.

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rhythm Performing at the fall concert, the boys of QYP sing to the crowd. "I love the camaraderie of all of the guys are so close," Matthew Smith (11) said. The group had many forms of entertainment, from performing a skit to singing to an enthusiastic crowd. PHOTO BY A. ZABERDAC

singing and dancing

Girls' Show Choir
Mixed Show Choir
QYP
Bella Voce

After silence that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music." This quote by Aldous Huxley communicates the thoughts of many students. From practices to concerts, many individuals were able to express themselves through music. Those that stood out with their talent for singing were chosen for one or more of the four singing groups within the school. Girls' and Mixed Show Choir, Quit Your Pitchin', and Bella Voce focused on these talented singers. These groups allowed the students to branch out from their original choir class. "I loved being able to perform in a different way than the 'standard' choir where you stood still," sophomore Kelly Rostin said. Girl's Show Choir was a way for students to showcase their multiple talents and passions. "I love to sing and dance, so I thought it would be fun to do both at the same time," senior Lauren Gullett said. The groups were also able to expand from the norm by performing at interesting venues other than the auditorium. "We [were able] to perform at St. Anthony's hospital before our Christmas. That was really fun and we sang with QYP," Rostin said.

Though each member of the group was interested in joining because of their passion for singing, some members had alternative reasons. A number of students have had siblings that were previous members of a group. "I decided to join [QYP] because I heard about how fun it was from my brother," junior Steven Polacek said. Others were in awe of the abilities of former groups and hoped to contribute, too. "I had always admired QYP's ability to sing without instruments and to use great pitch intonation," senior Stephen Hubbell said. Overall, the groups had proved to be a success. "It was a great experience and I will remember it forever," Polacek said. **BY: HEATHER BROGDON**



Practicing for their next concert, the members of Mixed Show Choir dance it out," junior Cally Kline said. These practices helped the group perfect their routines.

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portrait of a singer



Singing is a hobby that had always been a part of junior Corinne Novelli's life. "There is no other feeling that can compare to the rush from singing on stage in front of an audience," she said.

Striving to better herself through classes and private lessons, she found others who shared the same singing passion. "I never dreamed I'd meet such amazing people through choir or create the wonderful memories I had over the years," she said.



santababy Starting the year off with the winter concert, the Girls' Show Choir group crowds around a joyful Santa Claus. "My favorite concert was the winter holiday concert because we had a lot of fun performing and interacting with Santa," Lauren Gullett said (12). The girls showed their enthusiasm in every concert that they performed in. PHOTO BY C. SHELLENBERGER

expanding the mind

Academic Super Bowl
Academic Decathlon
Spell Bowl
Quiz Bowl

Math, spelling, English, and geography are just some of the subjects taught at school. However, the majority of students didn't want to think about them after school let alone join a club dedicated to these forms of knowledge. So what made students want to join these clubs? Some joined for college credits, some for their friends, and some for other reasons. What most of them would tell you though, is that all the work was well worth it in the end.

"I originally joined Quiz Bowl because my brothers were in it and they were my ride home. But, after they graduated, I continued to do it because it was a lot of fun," junior Needa Malik said.

This year, all four clubs have excelled. The Academic Super Bowl team became DAC champions for the first time in the school's history. "I enjoyed teaching great students. They were not only extremely intelligent but also hard working," teacher Jason McGee said. The Academic Decathlon team also succeeded in winning first place at regional and went on to win third at state. "I hoped to produce a team that could finish top three in the state every year and create an opportunity for learning and fun," teacher John Lambersie said.

It wasn't all work though for these members. Many found learning to be fun. "I've learned all sorts of useless information and developed an appreciation for Norwegian names, like Snorri Snurlsson," senior Megan Binder said.

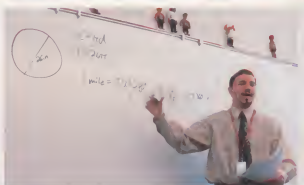
While much of the information learned was academic in nature, these students were also able to walk away with important life lessons. Malik said, "I've learned that even if you're afraid that you're going to sound stupid, you should always take a guess anyway because you never know when you're going to be right." **BY: ERIN HANEY**

Why would it be wise to recommend academically based clubs such as Quiz Bowl to other students?



I would recommend Quiz Bowl to other people because the team is very supportive. The team was so much fun to be around.

junior Corinne Kocher



sharing

Academic Super Bowl teacher Mr. McGee helps the Academic Decathlon class go over a math practice test. "I coached Super Bowl, but I helped out when I was needed," Mr. McGee said. "These were great kids to work with. They're not only intelligent but also hard working. They also had a great sense of humor. Working with these students was what made all the hard work worth it."

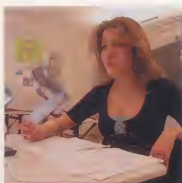
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puzzling Senior Jason Ban practices for Spell Bowl using a very unusual tool, refrigerator magnets. Quiz Bowl made a habit of making learning fun through board drills, buzzers, Scrabble, tiles, and even pudding. PHOTO BY M. TRISIC



listening Quiz Bowl teacher Mr. Flewelling listens as Jason Ban (12) explains how he tried to teach a police officer calculus. "The practices could be so varied," Flewelling said. "My most memorable moment was spelling words in pudding with our fingers." PHOTO BY M. TRISIC



focusing Senior Ali Martin focuses on some last minute math equations. "We learned a lot, but we still laughed and made jokes. Lambo even tried to convince us that he knew everything about the Articles of Confederation," she said. PHOTO BY E. HANEY



Academic Superbowl Front Row: Megan Binder, Tavleen Dhillon, Nicholas Kowalczyk, Nile Sobek, Stephanie Krause, Ethan Traina, Second Row: Rebeckah Maxwell, Brittany Buher, Matt Cruz, Alex Van Gorp, Stephen Shearer, Jason McGee, Back Row: J. Olszanski, Timothy Higgins, Jamie Cook, Ryan Farrell, Anthony Zaffino. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Academic Decathlon Front Row: Nile Sobek, Megan Binder, Mandy Rattazzi, Nicole Amodeo, Esther Jin, Second Row: John Lamberse, Sam Sanders, Marissa Feliciano, Ali Martin, Back Row: Tom Laedendorf, Matt Cruz, Alex Van Gorp. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Spell Bowl Front Row: Rachel Kolavo, Bethany Wendt, Caitlin Harrison; Back Row: Katherine Keiman, Heather Brogdon, Miljana Trisic. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Quiz Bowl Front Row: Brittany Krowiarz, Haqar Shaaban, M. Aroniga, Jerome Flewelling; Second Row: Taylor Cantrell, Ethan Traina, Corinne Kocher, Needa Malik; Back Row: Daniel Maginot, Bekah Maddack, Fahad Ahmed, Ryan Farrell, Lilian Sanchez. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Upper Girls' Varsity Club- Front Row: C. Taylor, A. Lambert, K. Draga, J. Palfi, H. Jaranowski, K. Papaminalakis; Second Row: D. Olson, A. Lionberger, M. Schuuchow, D. Dvojzdo, A. Halsted; Third Row: L. Bryner, J. Martinez, C. Gyure, M. Wacnik, E. Ladowicz, S. LaMantia; Back Row: H. Sheffer, A. Tarallo, S. Reeves, D. Tarallo, M. Raspopovich. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Lower Girls' Varsity Club- Front Row: K. Airey, C. Jaranowski, J. Zarate, A. Adams, M. Koch, K. Myers, L. Wacnik, M. Kleinman, A. Folmar; Second Row: K. Gross, C. Viers, A. Gelsen, K. Overbey, L. Pierce, K. Walton, K. Rostin; Third Row: A. David, A. Khan, K. Klingberg, S. Vercellino, J. Tylicki, J. Gutzweiler, L. Warga, M. Tobias; Back Row: H. Tokoly, T. Welker, Z. Cecich, Brenna Wermers, C. Kupchik, J. Ferguson, A. Torres. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Upper Letterman's Club- Front Row: Brendan Morin, Jerrett Nelson, Mark Myers, Joshua Long, Trey Aultman, Dan Downes; Second Row: Matt Zubriggen, Josh Nottingham, Jason Ban, Cody Anderson, Kyle Stoffo, Matt Kukuryga, Nick Bruno, Third Row: Kyle Qualizza, Greg Schillo, Marcus Shrewsbury, Evan Nikrin, Danny Osojnicki, Mike Lipton, Adam Nowak; Back Row: Nick Colonna, Ryan Dobbinis, Nikoia Pusara, Chris Lakich, Jon Cooke, Brady Schuster, Jimmy Bakalik. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Lower Varsity V- Front Row: Matt Smith, Jake White, Adam Knight, Danny Fabrici, Brandon Zakutanski, Anthony Hawkins; Second Row: Nathan Bapple, Dallas Schurg, Ryan Santelici, Alex Petrovski, Jeremy Kaiser, CJ Hopp, Josh Flame; Third Row: Chris Klein, Ben Cotrell, Reed Stofko, Colin Likas, Kyle Davis, Spencer Rapchak, John Hannon, Justin Flanery; Back Row: Andrew Facemeyer, Scott Dorely, Chris Shellenberger, Jeff Limbaugh, Zach Breuckman, Andrew Pals, Scott Hannon. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Athletic Council Front Row: Laioce Peirce, Jessica Tylicki, Nick Bruno, Tori Welker, Lauren Bryner, Brendan Morin, Samantha Vercellino; Second Row: Jessica Martinez, Gabby Raspopovich, Holly Sheffer, Ryan Qualizza, Matt Zubriggen, Molly Raspopovich, Samantha LaMantia; Back Row: Daniela Tarallo, Natalie Einikis, Nick Colonna, Brady Schuster, Nikola Pusara, Marcus Shrewsbury, Adam Knight. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

snatching the letter

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Letterman's
Athletic Council

Whether you're in sports, played an instrument, or could sing a tune, receiving a letterman's jacket was a great accomplishment. "It was awesome to have a cool jacket, like all the upperclassmen," junior Katrina Klingberg said. Lettering in any sport or music seemed to show a sense of accomplishment. Every year new athletes or musicians lettered and they all loved showing off what they've done by wearing the infamous red jacket. A lot of the underclassmen this year have lettered which was a big feat for them considering that there were the upperclassmen above them. "I felt very successful when I received my letter, and letterman's jacket because I am only a sophomore and I worked really hard for it," sophomore Jessica Palm said. Many people had enough patches to cover up their whole jacket, which meant that they either kept finding places on their jacket to put the patches or buy a blanket. "This jacket is the warmest jacket I have ever had, which makes it the best," junior Andrew Facemyer said. Next, the Athletic Council was started for the first time this year. The students helped out with the communication factor for all the sports teams and what was best for each team. They would serve their team as the leaders. When receiving a jacket, some people felt like a role model for the future students coming to our high school. "It felt great to own a letterman's jacket. I felt as if people looked up to me and that I was important," junior Brandon Zakutansky said. The realization of receiving a jacket was always so great for the athletes or musicians. All in all, the dedication and great feats of achievement that have been done have definitely been portrayed by the many letterman's jackets throughout the hallways. **BY: KATRINA KUIPER**

memorable Sophomore Eric Roach wrestles with his all might at his match. The Crown Point wrestling team won with a sweet victory of the state title. "The best part about my Varsity Letterman's jacket are my State patches," Roach said. "I had a warm feeling inside knowing that I've accomplished so much."

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teamwork "I felt honored and privileged to have a letterman's jacket," sophomore Alle Geisen said. "The best part of my jacket was my best defensive player patches. I was lucky to receive the jacket and the patches both as a freshman and a sophomore. I am lucky to be able to play varsity so young in my high school life." PHOTO BY L. TITAK



saxophone "The best part of my jacket was showing off what I've accomplished in everything from Jazz band to ISSMA," junior Richard Wayne said. "I've been in band for years and the jacket definitely shows everything that I've accomplished." PHOTO BY M. RIOS



helping "It feels pretty cool to wear something around that your team or you personally have worked so hard for and it's pretty cool to finally have a jacket," Muenstermann said. "It's kind of like a wearable trophy"

PHOTO BY J. ZARATE

language of love

French Club

Le Cercle Francias is one way you could say French Club, but more importantly it is about being part of a group who were all interested in the same language that you were. Foreign languages were a challenging and fun experience no matter what language you took. Students were enrolled in a certain language to learn throughout the year, but also chose to engage in activities with other foreign languages. French was an exciting and beautiful language that you may not have heard throughout the town, but while in French Club you were immersed in it. "I decided to join French Club because I was taking French during school and thought French Club would help me in class. I could also meet other people who were interested in French just like me," junior Lydia Randolph said. Besides the French Club meetings, students could sign up to go on trips with the club. "What inspired me to join French Club was their yearly trips to Chicago," sophomore Natalie Henderson said.

"My desire to learn and my lust for knowledge was what inspired me to join French Club, I was also in the French foreign language class in school," sophomore Allison Amodeo said. The participants in French Club had a desire to learn more about French than what they already had known by taking the class during school. Memories to last a lifetime were also discovered by the students. "The Chicago trip was the most memorable because you had the chance to go shopping with your friends," sophomore Aliya Khan said. Although some club members had more experience than others, the new comers joined in the fun right away. "I thought French would be fun because I liked the language so much and you got to meet new people and go on trips," freshman Joe Favia said.

BY: TORI WELKER

What is the best thing
about being in
French Club?

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"French Club is a great
way to meet new people
and to learn more about
France and the culture,"
sophomore Aliya
Khan said



teamwork Club members Tavleen Dhillon (11), Sarah Davis (10), and Jeri Grevis (11) prepare creme puffs at a French Club get together. "Making creme puffs was a lot of fun, but the best trip was the Chicago trip when we got to see all the beautiful sights," Grevis said.

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fieldtrip Rebekah Maxwell (12) and Tavleen Dhilon (11) from French Club share the sights of Chicago with Jamie Cook (11) from Spanish Club. "Although it was freezing outside, walking through the German marketplace was really cool because you got to see all the little German shops," Cook said. PHOTO BY E. HANEY



shopping Junior Tavleen Dhilon shops in a Chicago market during the foreign language yearly Chicago trip. "I enjoy French food ergo, I joined the French Club to eat the French food," Dhilon said. Dhilon has taken part of the French Club for three years. She is also in the foreign language of French during the School year. "The first meeting was the best because I learned to make crepes and they turned out really well," Dhilon said. PHOTO BY H. HANEY



caroling Members of the French Club get ready to sing Christmas carols in their language. The various clubs come together every Christmas time to join in the carols of the different languages. "Caroling was a lot of fun and a great way to explore and better understand other cultures," Deborah Maxwell said. PHOTO BY T. WELKER



promoting Junior Dan Maginot helps to prepare the French Club table at this year's Bulldog Rush. The Bulldog Rush was to promote the different clubs to all the incoming freshman and to get as many sign ups as possible. "My older brother was an officer when he was here, so I felt I had to participate as well," Maginot said. Maginot has been a part of the French Club for three years and plans to carry out his last year. PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI



jenga Members of the various clubs come together to play Jenga during the first lock in. "The best part about this year was the first lock in we planned with Spanish and Japanese Club," Maginot said. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY B. FARGO



sightseeing On their recent trip to Chicago, French Club members and sisters Deborah Maxwell (10) and Rebekah Maxwell (12) chat as they stroll the streets of Chicago. "I loved to check out the decorations and buildings in Chicago," Rebekah Maxwell said. PHOTO BY E. HANEY



French Club: Front Row: Dan Maginot, Mary Jacobs, Ashley Veljko, Jeri Grevis, Tavleen Dhilon, Aliya Khan; Second Row: Allison Amodeo, Rhiannon Ausglen, Deborah Maxwell, Lydia Randolph, Cassie Andrews, Madame Atwood; Third Row: Amanda Parr, Rebekah Maxwell, Erin MacNeil, Amelia Claus, Lauren Berger, Katrina Zdanowicz; Back Row: Nina Zdanowicz, Natalie Henderson, Thomas Vanderplough, Jacob Barber, Joe Favia. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

sam snooks

Skipping down the school parking lot Sam Snooks (10) and friends were more than overjoyed to walk proudly in the parade down Main Street with their winning float. "We were in the Homecoming Parade with our float, and we won!" PHOTO SUBMITTED BY H. POLIZOTTO



ryan debattista

Having fun with friends at Cafe Fondue Ryan DeBattista (9) shows that being in German Club is entertaining. "I went on a field trip to Chicago to the Christkindlmarkt, it was a lot of fun and being in German Club made the prices on the field trips cheaper." PHOTO SUBMITTED BY H. POLIZOTTO



parade

Freshmen Amanda Trent, Bethany DeBok, and Alex Jahovic paraded down the street along side the float bursting with German pride and throwing candy to the excited crowd. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY H. POLIZOTTO



GERMAN CLUB 3 & 4 Front Row: Ingrid Van Bismark, Matt Smith, Jeremy Rex, Justin Kaplan, Heather DiGiacomo; Second Row: Ashley Young, Corey Ohlenkamp, Nathan Bapple, Aaron Hensley; Back Row: Ben Cottrell, Scott Donely, Michael Boyd. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



GERMAN CLUB 1 & 2 Front Row: Nicole Cooper, Kaitlin Krenko, Nicole Vega, Ashley Kulemeier, Bailey Whitehead, Melina Arciniega; Second Row: Harry Davis, Amber Higgins, Miranda Sanderlin, Jennifer Thompson, Samantha Snooks, Adam Kulemeier; Back Row: Stephan Kuyper, Andy Vandenberg, Corbin Bish, Peter Parks, Thomas Gordon. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

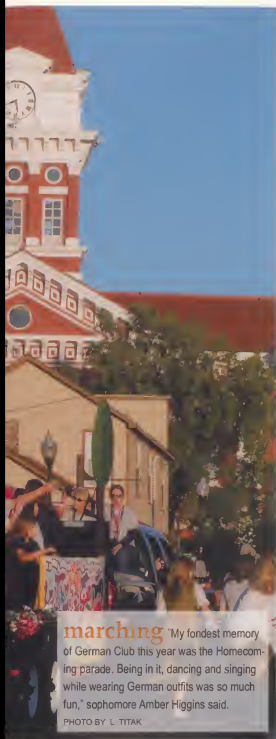
speaking the language

German Club

Taking trips to Chicago, building floats, going to the German Convention at Ball State, and even planning a trip to a foreign country, German Club members stayed very busy. "My fondest memory of German Club would have to be when we went to the Christkindlmarkt in Chicago," sophomore Samantha Snooks said. Along with all the fun and laughter came hard work and dedication. "The most important thing about being in German Club was to be at all of the meetings," junior Darian Goodlander said. Members of the club had worked very hard to build a winning float for the Homecoming parade.

To many students, German Club may seem like any other foreign language club but, to others it had a special significance. "Being in German Club was a part of my life. Sure it may sound corny, but it was something that I was really involved in; therefore, it was part of my life," Snooks said. The club had taken a special trip to Ball State for the German Convention, which they offer every year, where many different schools from throughout Indiana gathered for quiz bowls, dancing and other fun German trivial games.

The club not only taught students respect for the German culture, but created bonds that could last a lifetime. Sophomore Jordan Hendrickson said, "If it wasn't for German Club, I would not have my best friend Sam Snooks." She also added, "ever since that first day in class, we have been pretty tight!" German Club proved itself as being a fun and uniting club that was bursting with German pride. **BY: JENNIFER THOMPSON**



marching "My fondest memory of German Club this year was the Homecoming parade. Being in it, dancing and singing while wearing German outfits was so much fun," sophomore Amber Higgins said.

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ashley young "My fondest memory from German Club this year was going to the German Convention; it was an amazing trip down to Ball State and it was music and dance themed," Young (11) said. PHOTO BY A. PARRISH



bringing it together Andy Vandenberg (10) joined several other students as they built a gingerbread house in German class. PHOTO BY M. TRISIC

field TRIPS

1. Fall Festival
2. Water Tower Place
3. Christkindlmarkt
4. German Convention
5. Ski Camp

culture with kimonos Japanese Club

The crowd watched as Godzilla came towards them in a rampage on the streets. Many students followed him, dressed in kimonos and skyscrapers and threw candy to unsuspecting observers. The Japanese Club began working on their float when the news of the Homecoming festivities spread and did not stop until the day before the parade. The excitement of the float surrounded the club and brought in other unexpected people to participate in the event. "My best friend joined the Japanese float instead of going with the Latin float," sophomore Justin Ritter said. With the extra help and the inventive theme, the float had a higher possibility of winning the title of best club float. The day of the parade, the club brought in good reviews from the crowd. Once Monday came, the hopes for winning the best club float were high and the possibilities even higher. The loudspeaker came on and the announcement was clear; the Japanese Club had won! The club was ecstatic for their feat, knowing how hard they worked in order to win.

The float was not the only form of excitement for the club. They also participated in activities such as trips to culturally relevant places. "Going to Mitsuwa was fun because it was like an authentic Japanese grocery store," senior Madeline Gardner said. The trip brought entertainment and cultural treats for the club. "The food was amazing and a taiko group came to play at Mitsuwa. They were all so skilled at playing the taiko drum," junior Stephanie Chan said. With these events, the club joined together to inspire new ideas, and enjoy the wonderful experiences of their adventures. **BY: HEATHER BROGDON**

culture Caroling in the media center, club members sing a variety of Christmas songs in Japanese. These events helped sponsor, Mrs. Noriko Wachowski value her time spent with the students. "[My favorite moments from Japanese Club were] to see the kids smile or laugh during the activities and learn to appreciate the culture that is so different from American [culture]."

Mrs. Wachowski said.
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fast FACTS

Members in First year	10
Members in Second year	9
Members in Third year	11
Total amount of members	30



Japanese 1 Front Row: Mrs. Wachowski, Alexandra Pavot, Sylvia Conley, Annie Zappia, Jared Blamesen, Isaac Dutton; Second Row: Donnella Casillas, Crystal Komarscar, Kane Uphues, Sean Lowe, Ethan Traina. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



participation Preparing for another year of Japanese Club, Alexander Van Gorp (12) participates in the Bulldog Rush. Bulldog Rush was a way for freshmen to discover more about the school and what kinds of activities it had to offer. "I felt that this was my presidential obligation to entice prospective members as well as attempt to connect with freshmen," he said.

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sponsor The Japanese Club sponsor joins in on the spirit of Bulldog Rush. "The club was the best tool to meet kids who don't take Japanese," Mrs. Noriko Wachowski said. She helped the club set up their table with interesting objects from the Japanese culture in order to attract new members from the freshman class to the club.

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Japanese 3 Front Row: Mrs. Wachowski, Yukari Shibasaki, Brittany Bartz, Shannon O'Brien, Esther Jin; Second Row: Melissa Ostaszewski, Ashley Gose, Keith Nichols, Sarah Ostaszewski; Back Row: Avram Suson, Jamie Cook, Alexander Van Gorp. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Japanese 2 Front Row: Mrs. Wachowski, Taylor Contrell, Paranya Saehoon; Second Row: Justin Ritter, Matthew Baliga, Emily Ward-Smith, Allanna Tillery; Back Row: Neil Hamilton, Josh Melvin, Evan Henderlong. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Latin Club 1: Front Row: L. Hobson, S. Mallard, W. Kronke, h. Valentino, N. Takes, L. Rolff, M. Wadkins, A. Lugosan, V. Sinco; Second Row: A. Freeman, W. Mitcheil, M. Dooley, R. Risteski, C. Phillips, E. Traina, D. Bass, A. Pascarella Back Row: M. Markin, R. Foulds, J. Obszanski, D. Marcinet, R. Rangel, D. Raymond, J. Fisches PHOTO BY L. TITAK



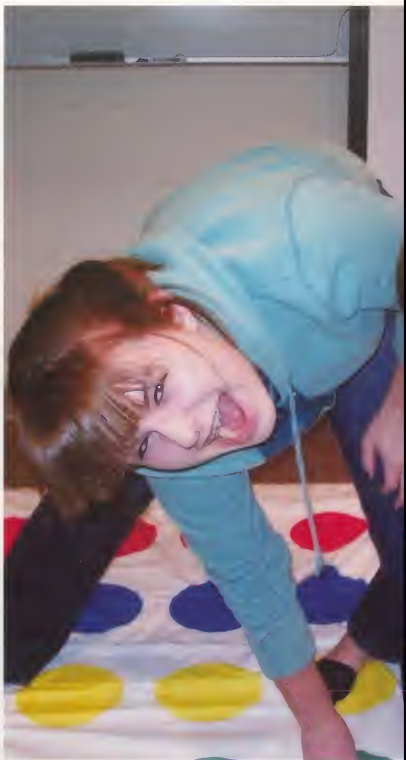
Latin Club 2: Front Row: Melina Ariniega, Chelsea Groff, Carman Siew, Brittany Krowiarz; Second Row: Eric Landers, Alex Kleemann, Bekah Maddack. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Latin Club 3: Front Row: E. Szymanski, K. Vavr, V. Vanqua, A. David, J. Haworth, N. Marhosi, J. Tylicki, K. Bonhivert, S. Krause; Second Row: A. Mauger, A. Roberts, N. Davis, C. Likas, A. Menn, K. Pilaski, B. Starzak, B. Duggan; Back Row: J. Glass, D. Misch, M. Laus, M. Adduce, B. Bibic, B. Zollo, A. Faceurye. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Latin Club 4: Front Row: Katherine Kellman, Mallorie Lewis, Mandy Rattazzi, Nick Pazzi, Mr. Walker; Second Row: Ryan Qualizza, Wesley Wood, Joey Fallon. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Certamen Front Row: E. Szymanski, C. Siew, S. Krause, A. Pascarella, K. Kielman, A. Lugosan, B. Krowiarz; Second Row: Mr. Walker, R. Risteski, J. Haworth, E. Traina, D. Bass, N. Pazzi, A. Monn, M. Arniega; Back Row: A. Kleemann, B. Qualizza, W. Wood, J. Obszanski, D. Raymond, J. Fallon, E. Landers. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

toga toga

Latin Club

If you have ever walked past the Latin Club's trophy case, you would know that they are, and have been one of our school's greatest achieving clubs at the school's level, as well as the state level. At the State convention the Latin Club came home with eleven collective awards, including Overall Sweepstakes Winner, which was given out to the school scoring the most points at the convention altogether, as well as many individual trophies. Seniors had taken pride in their final accomplishments after four years of participating in the club. Senior Joseph Fallon said, "My last state convention, with my best friends in high school, will never leave my mind. Although these award winning juggernauts stayed serious and worked hard, their spirit and passion shone through. "I felt that the passion of the club has definitely increased. The club size may have decreased, but the dedication of the club members did not," sophomore Marcus Trybula said.

Latin Club was not only an activity to further education, it was there to have some good times and hang out with friends. They had a zoo trip for President's Day and a scavenger hunt. Students also took educational trips to further their understanding of the language. "[Latin Club] took a trip to Valparaiso University to listen to a classical lecture. It was all about theatres in the ancient world," Trybula also said. "The trip was really informative and I enjoyed it."

All in all, Latin Club was a place to learn and to let loose and have a good time. They had the chance to better their education and make friends that would last a lifetime. **BY: EVAN WILSON**



twister Sophomore Latin Club members Chelsea Groff and Janice Sewell get tied up in a Latin Club meeting. Latin Club meetings were known to be all but normal. "It was fun mixing the meeting up with a game of Twister," Sewell said.

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car wash Members of the Latin Club enjoy a sunny day by washing cars and raising money. This money helped the Latin Club go to all their important events and activities. "I felt good because I was able to raise money for the program and also give people a car wash," junior James Hayworth said.

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victory The Latin Club poses before they board their bus after a long day of competition. "I felt excited because we had just won the sweepstakes trophy and many other trophies, but I also felt drained because it was a very long weekend," freshman Ryan Foulds said.

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homecoming While representing the Latin Club during the Homecoming pep rally Senior All VanCleef hold the clubs banner. "I really enjoyed Latin Club because of all the amazing people in it. I have built so many friendships that will last a lifetime." PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

within the culture

Spanish Club

There were many different languages expressed in the high school. One major language was Spanish. For some of the members, all they wanted to do was show the rest of the school the different cultures that were within the Spanish speaking countries. "I really wanted to promote more Hispanic awareness in this school," junior Maria Rios said.

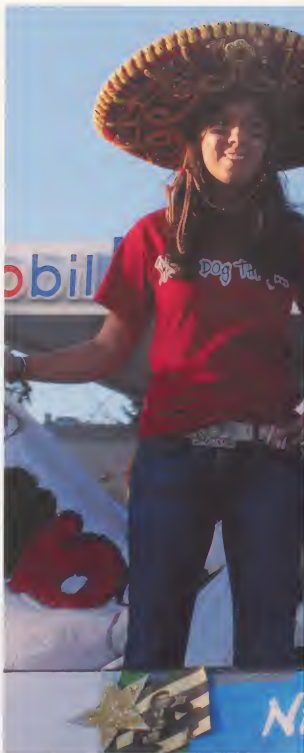
Not only was Spanish Club a great way to learn the culture, but it was also a way for the students to give back and help people who needed it the most. "We had a fund-raiser to give a needing student a scholarship to college," junior Scott Rykovich said. Spanish Club also had a lot of fun activities throughout the year. "We went to the parade with banners and flags we had made," junior Jamie Cook said. Also, they took a trip to Chicago. They went around town and learned about the culture. They went to Six Flags, too. "I was excited to go to Six Flags because I knew it was going to be fun with all my friends in Spanish Club," senior Brenda Avila said.

Even though there was not a huge amount of Spanish speaking students within the school, Spanish Club and the members helped to give a great and fun spice to the high school. Also non-speaking members got a better understanding of the culture and the way it was for them and the different things they had by joining Spanish Club. **BY: Brandi Stevens and Kyle Davis**

What is the one reason you decided to join Spanish Club?

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"I picked Spanish Club, because I'm Mexican and I like speaking Spanish. I also wanted to meet more Hispanic students within the high school," Brenda Avila (12) said.



ensemble Seniors Milijana Trisic and Heather Brogdon are caroling during the winter season. "I loved singing with the other clubs because it was a lot of fun and we all got together really well," said senior Milijana Trisic. Brogdon said "It was very interesting hearing all the different languages" PHOTO BY T. WELKER



parade During the Homecoming parade Junior Jessica Fields shows her spirit and the Spanish culture by ride on the back of a truck. "It was mainly flags from a lot of the Spanish speaking countries. We tried to make Spanish Club go to Hollywood by putting pictures of famous hispanic singers and actors. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



duet Siblings Brittany and Patrick O'Connor sing together in the library for the foreign language carolling. "I had fun because languages are really cool to hear be spoken and sung," said sophomore Patrick O'Connor. PHOTO BY T. WELKER



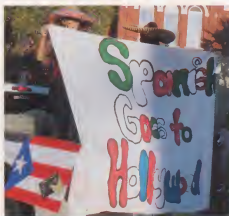
singing Junior Nick Vlassopoulos announces that the songs that the Spanish club will be singing. "It was so cool to just get together and have a good time with all the awesome people in Spanish Club!" Vlassopoulos said. PHOTO BY T. WELKER



dance Freshmen Lauren VanGorp shows off her dancing skill with freshmen Jordan Hiebek doing the crazy dance that Mr. Gonzalez is teaching them. The salsa, one of the most well known dances for most Spanish-speaking people, is most likely the hardest of them all. "I thought it was pretty difficult," VanGorp said. PHOTO BY H. BROGDEN



salsa Teaching the Spanish students the salsa dance, Mr. Gonzalez shows off his best skills. "It was very fun to teach the classes the dance because each class had their very own unique personality to give," Gonzalez said. Mr. Gonzalez grew up with salsa dancing at home and thought it was a great idea to show his classes how to do the salsa dance. PHOTO BY H. BROGDEN



flag Spanish Club takes it to the Homecoming parade and shows their school spirit and gives a little taste of the Spanish culture. Two students held a flag showing that they were on their way to the Homecoming game. The parade went around the square this year instead of going down Main Street. PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI



Spanish Club Front Row: Milijana Trisic, Alexandra Horst, Kaitlyn Whiting, Angeles Suarez, Maria Isabel Miranda, Prisala Garza, Yolanda Pierce, Second Row: Michael Ganzalez, Bianca Avila, Heather Bruggden, Brittany O'Connor, Brenda Aulia, Erin Haney, Tristyn Sampson, Jessica Vargas, Back Row: Maria Rios, Jessica Fields, Jamie Cook, Brad Hiller, Scott Rykovich, Fabiola Jimenez, Rachel Mauger. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Book Club Front Row: Ms. Carney, Annie Chan, Brittany Krowiarz, Mona Nour, DJ Frampton, Jacque Nikitaras; Second Row: Caroline Anderson, Haley Webb, Nicole Sekulowski, Stephanie Burke, Elizabeth Retting, Libby Mahr; Third Row: Marwa Nour, Needa Malik, Jamie Cook, Adam Caldwell, Jacob Suson. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



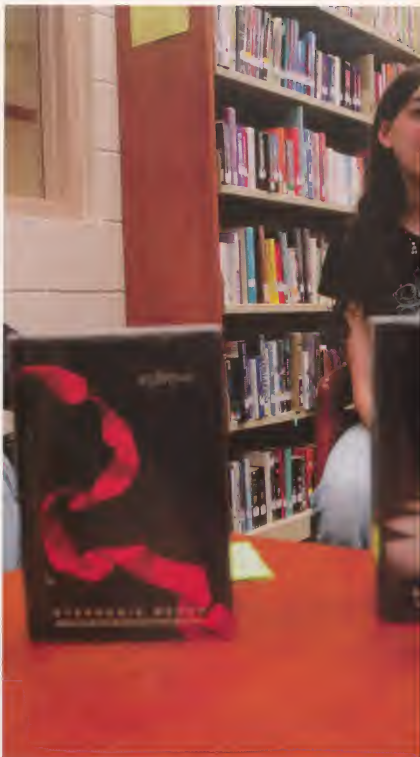
Chess Club Front Row: Adam Seifert, Casey Reed, Stephen Shearer, Auram Suson; Back Row: Ethan Traina, Ryan Hanes. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Debate Team Front Row: Annie Chan, Fiza Javed, Zainab Hassani; Second Row: Mr. Carney, Mava Malik, Sophie Fleszewski, Garret Hogan, Emily Dick; Back Row: Cody Reynolds, Catherine Fleszewski, Nile Sobek, Paul Kendall. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Speech Team Front Row: Katherine Kelman, Melina Arciniega, Brittany Krowiarz; Second Row: Mr. Adams, Lily Sanchez, Jacob Suson, Taylor Cantrell; Back Row: Amelia Claus, Ryan Farrell, Rebekah Maddack. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



strategy Auram Suson (11), Adam Seifert (10), and Takuya Nakashima (11) of Chess Club practice after school. PHOTO BY C. DEWES



relaxing Debaters Emily Dick (10) Annie Chan (11) and Adam Caldwell (11) chill out after rounds at the district debate tournament. PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI


interest in intellect

Book Club
Chess Club
Debate Team
Speech Team

Choosing the right club to join was something many students contemplated. Junior Tavleen Dhillon chose Book Club because "I really liked to read and I wanted to talk to other people about the books I loved." Book Club sponsored a *Twilight* Convention as a result of huge interest in the teen series. "So many people loved *Twilight* and I thought it would be a good way to get people together," Dhillon said. The convention included games and discussions about the novel. "I think the convention went well because a lot of people got involved," senior Nikki Sekuloski said. Book Club met and discussed a different novel every month. "Book Club exposed people to books they might never have read," Sekuloski said. However, Book Club wasn't the only club that offered positive exposure.

The Speech and Debate Teams worked after school to research topics and revise speeches. "Debate educated you about political and world issues," junior Annie Chan said. Debate Team worked on a variety of topics ranging from alternative energy to capitol punishment, and Speech worked on poetry citation and duo interpretations. The Debate team placed fourth overall at their district tournament, and policy partners Catherine Fleszewski and Cody Renolds earned sixth place in their event. Junior Ryan Farrell on the Speech Team advanced to the State tournament.

Chess Club met once a week to perfect their game. Sponsored by Mr. Bernacky, students were encouraged to learn more about chess and to challenge themselves to become better players. Students worked with each other to better their game. With the abundance after school activities, some students found clubs that fit their interests. **BY: CATHERINE FLESZEWSKI**



game time At the Book Club sponsored convention, Nicole Sekuloski (12) and Stephanie Sekuloski participated in games and discussions about the *Twilight* Convention.

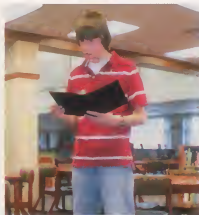
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portrait of a debater



Freshman Sophie Fleszewski was more than just an average student. Fleszewski was an active member on the debate team placing in novice Public

Forum from the beginning of the season. "Public speaking used an issue for me but my experience as a debater has made me an elegant speaker," Fleszewski said.



working Junior Ryan Farrell rehearses his speech for an upcoming tournament. Farrell made it to state and took first place in the Discussion event. Farrell was the first to earn a first in state in over twenty years. "I had a lot of fun being involved with speech, an intense amount of work went state," Farrell said. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY REBEKAH MADDACK

enchantment All of the enchanted items perform on stage during the big number "Be Our Guest." "This was one of the most fun numbers in the whole show to perform because every single person on stage had to give such a high energy level for it to be the best enchanted number it could be," Emma Baker (11), Mrs. Potts, said.

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party Members of the chorus do the bench dance with mugs in the bar scene with characters Gaston and LeFou. "The last night someone filled the mugs with water. So when I hit my mug to my chest, I splashed Marissa and Liz next to me in the face," Todd Auhwurm (9) said.

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Crew and Pit Front Row: A. Easto, D. Frampton, H. Day, E. Bain, J. Rose, T. Cantrell, A. Horst, J. Fornell, M. Anonaga, S. Michale, E. Stratton, Second Row: R. Kolava, S. Trouman, L. Volk, A. Springman, J. Holston, A. Frank, J. Walters, A. Reid, C. DeLonge, J. Pali, V. Neesham, K. Yopp, R. Reid, E. Relling, Third Row: J. Jacques, K. Klein, K. Bonhovey, A. Kutermeier, C. Goff, B. Hecht, K. Overbey, S. Sheffield, E. Featherstone, A. Mendoza, R. Fronck, C. Marshall, K. Delaughter, C. Hamon, Fourth Row: N. Sekulski, J. Wood, J. Bishop, G. Ota, E. Maciel, T. Dinkon, K. Rodi, R. Wynne, A. Clats, S. Parker, P. Hazzimone, S. Sekulski, J. Kaplan, Fifth Row: D. Mon, A. Kottak, A. Fleming, A. Relling, B. Thomas-Chopp, D. Mueller, A. Young, T. St. Aubin, J. Fava, E. Fleszewski, D. Sweet, R. Nowak, Mrs. Jo Hack, Back Row: Mr. Kit Degenhart, T. Ladendorf, H. Sheffer, M. Luebcke, B. Zolfo, E. Gresham, T. Dillon, M. Cruz, M. Chlebowski, A. Vanderburg, K. Hoernig, M. Deboth, Mr. Gene Hack. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Cast Front Row: L. Diamond, N. Stagowski, C. Cline, A. Reid, T. Durant, S. Gallas, C. Marshall, H. Delaughter, L. Hesse, L. Gullert, Second Row: C. Gyura, A. Buco, E. Baker, T. Sykes, E. Ladewicz, A. Cook, K. Overbey, S. Walden, K. Rodi, A. Relling, Third Row: Mr. Kit Degenhart, K. Papamihalakis, A. Fleming, P. Kendall, J. Fava, D. Hutchinson, K. Zdanowicz, T. Auhwurm, M. Smith, L. Goff, Fourth Row: N. Polakson, T. St. Aubin, C. Novelli, C. Kvaczkoff, A. Tarato, E. Breitwieser, M. Felczak, S. Ballas, S. Polozak, R. Torres, Back Row: K. Land, J. Budd, B. Zolfo, J. Bain, A. Sobbe, E. Gresham, B. Werners, S. Hubbel, P. Kvaczkoff. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



gaston Ethan Breitwieser (12) acts as the strong, arrogant Gaston as the ladies and his side-kick admire him. "The gun Matt Smith (LeFou) was holding was thrown to him, but he missed it and it hit him in the nose," he said.

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despair The beast kneels in front of the audience during the song "How Long Must This Go On." "My role had to be full with hopelessness and despair that comes with the feeling of unrequited love," Stephen Hubbell (12) said. PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI


enchancing the stage

Musical Cast
Crew
Pit

A tale as old as time was brought to life on stage with a combination of extravagant costumes, lights, music, special effects, and pure talent. With multiple enchanted items and characters we've known since childhood, the Disney classic was a success after much preparation. "Hell Week (the week before the show opens) was extremely stressful and exhausting, but also very exciting because it meant opening night was close," sophomore chorus member Kelly Rostin said. Many weekends were spent at the school rehearsing and there were nights when cast members didn't leave until after 11 P.M. in order to perfect the musical.

Auditions are always a stressful part to any person trying out for a show, but it was even more so for a senior who wanted a lead role. "I got sick with strep throat the day of my audition and had to get a shot from the doctor to audition the next day," senior Andjela Tarailo said. "I was afraid I wouldn't be able to sing which scared me because I wanted the part of Belle so much!" Luckily for her, Andjela along with junior Anna Buccì earned the double-casted role of Belle.

Members of the show agreed that this production brought the cast close together in friendship. "One of my greatest memories was the ritual 'Footloose dance' that the cast did in the guys' dressing room," senior Nikkole Stagowski said. As expected, the final curtain call of closing night was emotional by all cast members alike. "When the curtain closed, it brought tears of joy and sadness to my eyes knowing it was the last time I would be giving a curtain call," Stagowski said. With the fall of the last curtain, a "tale as old as time, song as old as rhyme, Beauty and the Beast" was a great success adored by all. **BY: JEN ZARATE**



belle Anna Buccì (11) plays Belle. "LeFou, when she sees he is wearing her father's scarf. 'At first, I was really scared I was going to hurt him when I had to grab his ear and pull his scarf,' she said. 'We worked on it a lot and it ended up being a really cute aspect of the scene.'" PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI


by the NUMBERS

lead roles	25
chorus members	31
adult helpers	20
crew workers	58
pit players	44



preparation Junior Cally Kline prepares backstage in the dressing room before the start of the show. "Makeup always took me the longest to get ready," she said. Kline played the role of the flirtatious feather duster, Babette, who brought much elegance and grace to the stage. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

orchestra



Students in the pit get out of class for the day of the teaser. "It was really cool playing for the whole school," Carrie Ohlenkamp (11) said. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



CASS Cadets *Front Row:* Mali Rios, Bradi Stevens, Jennifer Burke, Amanda Stagowski, Jen Zarate, Alexandra Horst, Ali Zaberdac, Michele Bates; *Second Row:* Katrina Kuiper, Emma Baker, Grace Snooks, Amelia Clause, Jennifer Thompson, Hanna Janson; *Back Row:* Brianna Starzak, Stacy Vandergriff, Ben Cottrell, Billy Brown, Blake Zollo, Kyle Davis, Jamie Brown. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Top Dogs *Front Row:* Katherine Keilman, Amanda Rattazzi, Caroline Anderson, Tori Welker; *Second Row:* Trevor St. Aubin, Mark Myers; *Back Row:* Teddy Whorowski. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Hanlon Peer Tutors *Front Row:* Natalie Bowen, Courtney Russ, Richelle Zmuda, Tyler Barron, Lorraine Bryce; *Second Row:* Elizabeth Lipanovich, Payge Hynek, Beth Luebke, Jessica Fiske, Haley Smith, Lauren Ratzliff, Melissa Monix, Sammi Parlin; *Back Row:* Hannah Crivey, Rachel Mauger, Nick Ryan, Jared Green, Ryan Hanes, Samantha Shaffer, Kailee Tanner. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Lorek Peer Tutors *Front Row:* Allison Springman, Katharine Poniatowski, Ashley Spargo, Samantha Paulus; *Second Row:* Nina Albin, Rachel Dykstra, Austin Batkiewicz, Amelia Claus, Liz Bain. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



HERO *Front Row:* A. Vancuren, A. Williams, E. Zervos, K. Belush, A. Coker, J. Wolak, L. Linaris, J. Romero; *Second Row:* L. Brucato, A. Favia, S. Lawson, S. Shoup, K. Kepchar, L. Fulmer, S. Foglio, L. Rolf; *Third Row:* S. Tants, V. Naumoski, N. Nachevich, B. Mihal, K. Gasaway, A. Grant, N. Mirabella, J. Suchorski, C. Harth, K. Cannon; *Back Row:* M. Cacovski, S. Polus, N. Raab, M. Lambing, J. Montoya, S. Hubbell, N. Martin, D. Covacin, B. Luebke. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

making the difference

CASS Cadets
Top Dogs
Peer Tutors
HERO

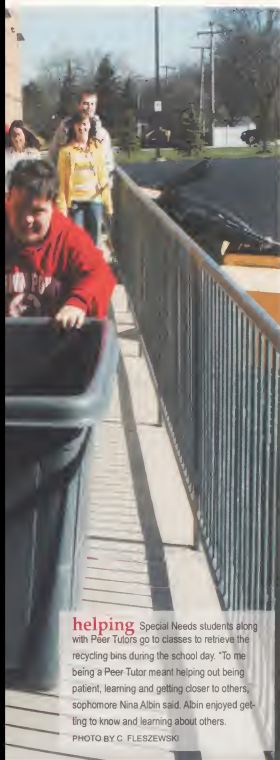
From the old to the new, students enjoyed clubs that allowed them to help others. CASS Cadets and TOP DOGS allowed students to renew their sense of citizenship. Students may remember CASS (Creating a Safer School) from middle school where it originated. It evolved to include high school students as well. "CASS Cadets go to Taft and Wheeler to talk to the sixth grade students about how to handle a variety of different situations involving bullying," junior Emma Baker said. "They look up to high school students, so we can get through to them a bit easier than adults."

TOP DOGS, on the other hand, are made up of upperclassmen volunteering their time to mentor freshman students. "It was great to have an opportunity to play a vital part in a freshman's life, and it meant a lot to have a chance to lead them in the right direction and prepare them for the remainder of their high school career," junior TOP DOG Teddy Wnorowski said.

Along with the new affiliations, Peer Tutors and HERO members also contributed to the community. HERO held a Thanksgiving food drive for the local food pantry. Students believed that helping others had allowed them to learn things they may not have realized on their own. "Being a Peer Tutor made me realize that you have to think about more than yourself and more about the ones around you that are needing help," sophomore Nina Albin said.

Volunteering has not only taught them about others but also themselves. "I have become very close with so many kids, and I have learned about the different obstacles in life that people overcome," junior Peer Tutor Christian Ahearn said. "So when I think I have it bad, I realize how easy I actually have it."

BY: MANDI STAGOWSKI & MALI RIOS



helping Special Needs students along with Peer Tutors go to classes to relieve the recycling bins during the school day. "To me being a Peer Tutor meant helping out being patient, learning and getting closer to others," sophomore Nina Albin said. Albin enjoyed getting to know and learning about others.

PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI



teaching Being a CASS Cadet means that you're going to do whatever it takes to prevent bullying," sophomore Beth Luebcke said. When she was in 8th grade she was in CASS because she had also dealt with being bullied.

PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI



role models "As a TOP DOG, I believe I make a difference by helping the freshmen classes I'm mentoring to become better people and students," Tori Welker (11) said. Her favorite part of being a TOP DOG was interacting with the kids and making her mark in their lives.

PHOTO BY C. DEWES



volunteering HERO members collect and sort goods to go to local food pantries from classes. As incentive to bringing in canned goods, first hour classes competed to bring in the most nonperishable items.

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INKLINGS EDITORS Front Row: Michele Bates, Cori Novelli, Megan Binder, Becca Iddings, Anna Ortiz; Second Row: Mrs. Elston, Brittany Curtis, Deana Sheaffer, Becca Duggan; Back Row: Trey Aultman, Brenna Wermers, Jeremy Rex, Hunter McKee. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



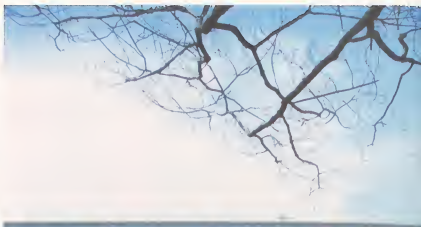
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SHOWTIME EDITORS Front Row: Rebecca Schweitzer, Ali Martin; Back Row: Mr. Barber, and Mrs. Landgrebe. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



SHOWTIME Front Row: Mrs. Landgrebe, Nina Grubnich, Jeri Gaoat, Mr. Barber; Second Row: Rebecca Schweitzer, Ali Martin, Andy Koval, Erin Haney; Back Row: David Parks, Steve Meunsterman, Kyle Naughton. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



bulldog bulletin Rebecca Schweitzer (12) informs the school of needed information on one of the weekly "Bulldog Bulletins" segments. "Showtime was great. It was something that I can look back on in high school and really like." PHOTO BY A. PARRISH



counting down Tyler Bowman(11) counts down before beginning to film a segment for the latest *Showtime*. "I really liked *Showtime* because it helped to prepare me for a possible career in broadcasting," Bowman said. PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

delivering the news Inklings Showtime

A classroom was at its best and most productive when students could work their best with the highest amount of comfort. And often times, the classrooms that provided that kind of environment were co-curricular ones like *Inklings* and *Showtime*. "We *Inklings* staffers had come to find the J-lab as a second home," junior Becca Iddings said. "The amount of time we spent in here with each other was ridiculous."

Although senior Jeri Gaoat had only been on *Showtime* for a year, she still had made many memories. "Some of the memorable things I've done would have to be interviewing people," Gaoat said. "And my favorite part was putting all the clips together and then editing them in."

On the opposite end of the spectrum, even though it was a lot of fun putting together a production, it could be very difficult. Junior Cori Novelli, who worked as the executive editor of *Inklings*, agreed. "Though it was very rewarding when our paper was done, the work getting there was hard. Especially when getting your work done depended on the responsibility of another staffer, it [could] be stressful," Novelli said. However, staffers were able to release their stress by taking relaxing days out of the journalism labs. One of these days included a trip to Ball State. "The idea that we were all out of the J-lab and out in 'public' caused all of us to get ridiculously excited and 'giddy.' So, we had a blast as we learned techniques at the J-Day workshops to make our paper better," Novelli said. Although participating in these extracurricular classes could take a lot of work, the end product and feeling of accomplishment was well worth the effort. "It's amazing being able to all work together as a team and create such a great paper,"

Novelli said. **BY: ALEX PARRISH**

hanging out

Five staffers of *Inklings* look at the design of a magazine while at Ball State University for the annual J-Day Journalism Convention. "J-Day was amazing," Lauren Cain (10) said. "Not only did we get to have fun with our staff, but we look really useful classes that will help in the future." PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

What is the most interesting part of being the graphics editor?

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"I get to express myself through drawing which is a big hobby of mine, and it's a unique form of reporting." Junior Anna Ortiz said.

checking pages

Becca Iddings (11) and Hunter McKee (11) make good use of their second hour Advanced Journalism class by carefully examining print-outs for mistakes before sending the paper to the plant. "Newspaper was my favorite class because you got to have fun with all your friends and still do something productive," McKee said.

PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

snapshot

Experimenting with photography in mirrors, Photo Editor Catherine Fleszewski (10) snaps a photo at the City Museum in St. Louis, Missouri during the National Scholastic Press Association Convention. "The trip made me realize how much I wanted a career in photojournalism," Fleszewski said. The convention empowered students with knowledge for future jobs in journalism.

PHOTO BY C. FLESZEWSKI



distribution

Checking a student's name off of the check list, Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Taylor Verbach (12) helps distribute the previous year's yearbook. "Distribution Day was very hectic but at the same time rewarding because we were able to receive feedback from students about the yearbook," Verbach said. About half of the 1300 students who bought a yearbook came to the Journalism Lab to retrieve them in one day. PHOTO BY K. WELLS



Excilibur Front Row: Jennifer Zarate, Amalia Rios, Brandi Stevens, Miljana Trisic, Amanda Stagowski; Second Row: Mrs. Cynthia Dewes, Samantha White, Catherine Fleszewski, Taylor Verbach, Heather Brogdon, Samantha Vercellino, Alicia Zaberda; Third Row: Jennifer Thompson, Ton Welker, Kyle Kujawski, Erin Haney, Marwa Nour, Evan Wilson; Back Row: Benjamin Cottrell, Christopher Shellenberger, Jacob Wing, Mark Myers, Kyle Davis. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Excilibur Editors Front Row: Mrs. Cynthia Dewes, Brandi Stevens, Miljana Trisic, Jennifer Zarate; Second Row: Samantha White, Catherine Fleszewski, Taylor Verbach, Samantha Vercellino; Back Row: Mark Myers, Jacob Wing, Kyle Kujawski. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Quill & Scroll Front Row: Michele Bates, Jennifer Zarate, Nicole Sekuloski, Matthew Smith, Kelly Rostin, Lauren Cain, Annabella Ortiz; Second Row: Amanda Stagowski, Samantha Vercellino, Taylor Verbach, Rebecca Duggan, Rebecca Iddings, Georgia Otte, Deanna Shearer, Miljana Trisic; Back Row: Andjela Tarallo, Kyle Kujawski, Mark Myers, Brenna Wermers, Colin Lukas, Corinne Novelli, James Aultman. PHOTO BY L. TITAK

preserving the memories

Excalibur
Quill & Scroll

Laughs, the tapping of keyboards, and photo snaps were common noises heard within the walls of the J-Lab. This was a result of the closeness between the twenty-six members of the staff, and their ability to provide constructive criticism for one another. "The environment in Yearbook was always light and joyful. Anytime I needed help on my page, I knew that one of the editors or staff members would be there to help me," senior staffer Heather Brogdon said. Excalibur yearbook was an elective class for students interested in photography or journalism, and an enjoyable alternative to the mundane core classes that students were required to take.

With the direction of six year adviser, Mrs. Cynthia Dewes, staffers and editors were disappointed with her announcement of resignation to further pursue her career in education. "Mrs. Dewes was always a good source of encouragement while going through deadline. I will miss her next year," sophomore Jennifer Zarate said.

Many members of both *Excalibur* and *Inklings* were not only honored with the achievement of completing deadlines, but they were also rewarded for being in the top one-third of their class by being inducted into Quill and Scroll. Getting inducted into Quill and Scroll was very exciting for me. I worked very hard to get my grades high enough to qualify," junior *Inklings* staffer Anna Ortiz said. "Not only was getting inducted into Quill and Scroll produced, but also knowing that I had helped capture and forever preserve the memories of the school year," sophomore staffer, Amanda Stagowski said.

BY: MILIJANA TRISIC

editing

While reviewing printed pages for design and editing errors, People Editor Sammy Vercellino (11), Managing Editor-In-Chief Milijana Trisic (12), and Photo Editor Alex Parrish (11) discuss design elements that could be re-touched. "I always looked forward for to Yearbook because it was the one time of the day I got to see both Mili and Parrish," Vercellino said. The process of editing took place after every deadline. PHOTO BY S. WHITE



design

Editor-in-Chief Kyle Kujawski (12), diligently works on designing an invitation for the Quill and Scroll Journalism banquet using the In-Design program. "In-Design was an amazing program. It was difficult to learn, but once I got the hang of using the program there was no limit to what I could achieve," Kujawski said. The Quill and Scroll Journalism banquet was on May third at the Patio Restaurant in Merrillville. PHOTO BY M. TRISIC



halloween

Taking a break from the usual busy schedule of working on deadline pages, staffers Tori Welker (11), Mark Myers (12), and Chris Schellenberger (11) make Brad Jones (12) a mummy during their annual Halloween party. "Being the mummy was the most important component of the game," Jones said. Their team received first in the competition.

PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

portrait of a Quill & Scroll Member



"Quill and scroll was a memorable experience because it commemorated my years of experience in news-

paper as a Sports Editor," senior Trey Aultman said. Trey was a member of Quill & Scroll for a total of two years. He was also both the Secretary and Treasurer of Quill and Scroll.

making the grade

NHS
BG State
Roots & Wings
Rotary & Kiwanians

Citizenship, culture, and college were just a few of the six C aspects that had radiated from members of the school's prestigious clubs such as National Honors Society, Kiwanians and Rotarians, Roots and Wings, and Boys' and Girls' State. Members of these activities were involved in sports or other extracurricular activities, excelled in academics, and exhibited rewarding behavior such as leadership and organization. The clubs helped students prove how they had strived to receive good grades and allowed them to be awarded for doing so. "It was relieving to have all the work I put into school pay off, and my family was really excited to watch me walk across the stage [at the induction ceremony]," senior NHS member Amanda Kollak said. These clubs allowed students to portray their intelligence or other talents to the school and their community.

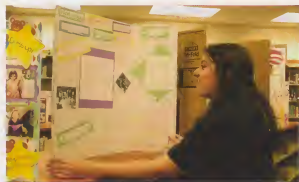
The students in these clubs went beyond what was expected in high school, doing even more than the required forty hours of volunteer work. "My favorite activity in NHS was doing my community service because I enjoyed it," senior Jessica Walters said. Aside from the honor one receives from participating in these clubs, members also found that they were able to meet new people and create long-lasting friendships. "You would think [that] with 500 girls and no boys there was a lot of drama, but it was the complete opposite. I met so many amazing girls that I still keep in contact with," senior Girls' State member Samantha LaMantia said. Whether it was ringing bells outside of Strack & Van Til's for NHS or meeting at Youche Country Club every Wednesday for Rotary, the activities that these clubs participated in influenced the school and the students' impact on the community. **BY: HEATHER BROGDON**

How did you feel after you found out that you were going to be inducted into the National Honor Society?



It made me feel very successful, knowing [that] I was included in such an elite group.

-Elizabeth Maxwell (12)



community Setting up the poster filled with information on her volunteer work, senior Eleni Koutouvas displays her finished product. "Community service made a difference. I believed that everyone could be a part of that difference. You just had to try," Koutouvas said. The project allowed students to pick whatever service they wanted as long as the work lasted for a reasonable amount of time. PHOTO BY S. WHITE



citizenship While attending one of the weekly Rotary meetings, senior foreign exchange student Xavier Barral speaks with an older member. "Being a member gives you the opportunity to meet so many interesting, even sometimes important people," Barral said. Rotary members left school each Wednesday to participate in meetings and gave a speech about themselves at their last session.

PHOTO BY M. MYERS



NHS Front Row: Megan Binder, Kelly Landers, Sara Troutman, Katherine Keliman, Esther Jin, Megan Spall; Second Row: Milijana Trisic, Alexis Villareal, Jaclyn Anglis, Hannah Jaranowski, Elizabeth Maxwell, Sarah Ferry, Kara Sodo, Kelsey Drasga; Third Row: Sarah Gallas, Brendan Morin, Eleni Koutoubas, Brittany Kaminsky, Heather Brogdon, Amanda Kollak, Dominique Dvojacki, Nicole Sekulski, Samantha Maglish; Fourth Row: Ryan Qualizza, Daniela Tarallo, Samantha LaMantia, Olivia Sobek, Lauren Bryner, Alison Martin, Anjela Tarallo, Christine Kvachkoff, Simone favor, Chelsea Gyure; Back Row: Joseph Fallon, Alexander Vangorp, Wesley Wook, John Dykstra, Bradley Hiller, Adam DeBoth, Kyle Stolko, Kyle Land, Tomm Ladendorf, Nick Kowalczyk. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



experience Spending one week on a college campus, Girls' State member, senior Hannah Jaranowski, attends a "mock government" program. "Of the 700-something girls there, I was one of 50 who was a senator," Jaranowski said. The camp presented members with many opportunities including a two-party rally and a chance to meet the governor of Indiana. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY H. JARANOWSKI



Rotarians & Kiwanians Front Row: Megan Binder, Hannah Jaranowski, Nicholas Bruno, Chelsea Gyure, Kristina Budgin, Jessica Modglin, Madeline Gardner; Second Row: Heather Brogdon, Rebecca Schweitzer, Molly Raspopovich, Daniela Tarallo, Olivia Sobek, Brendan Morin; Back Row: Alexander Vangorp, Jason Ban, Stephen Sheaffer, Bradley Hiller, Kyle Land, Nicholas Colonna, Matthew Kukungya. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Boys' & Girls' State Front Row: Aaron Fleming, Samantha LaMantia, Hannah Jaranowski. PHOTO BY L. TITAK



Roots & Wings Front Row: Amanda Rattazzi, Esther Jin, Hannah Jaranowski; Back Row: Nick Kowalczyk, Wesley Wood, Stephen Sheaffer, Samantha LaMantia. PHOTO BY H. BROGDON

While having experienced the first recession, with the longest downturns, since the Great Depression; students still had the incentive to participate in their everyday activities. Sophomore Aired Strickland said, "Even though we were in a recession, I still went to the movies at least once every weekend with my friends." Aside from not letting the effects of the recession ruin their activities, students looked towards school classes to better prepare themselves for future careers. Senior Nick Johnson said, "Auto Shop has prepared me for and helped me make the choice to pursue my automotive career. I chose to work at NAPA Automotive for awhile and really enjoyed the experience it gave to benefit my future."

Despite the current economic status, students did not let it get into the way of their social lives. They car-pooled to school and to social activities. They also started to look to their futures a little more seriously. Students definitely took advantage of the extracurricular classes that provided a trade that could be used in their future careers.



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Sarah



Sarah-
Congratulations!
I am so proud of
you. You are a
beautiful person
inside and out.
I know that you
will make your
dreams your reality. Enjoy life, help
others, and stay true to yourself.

Love,
Mom

Senior Sarah Ferry



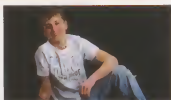
We are so proud of you.
You Are beautiful inside and
out. We know that you will
achieve great success and hap-
piness. We love you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Nicole

Senior Samantha LaMantia

Nick

Nick,
Congratulations
on your gradua-
tion! Accomplishments do not come
without challenges. Set your mind to it,
work hard, and you will achieve your
future goals.



Love, Dad & Rachelle, Mom & Scott,
Gordon, Zach, Liz, Andrew & Denny.

Senior Nick Henderson

Daniel



Dan,
You make
me so
proud!
You are
amazing!

I love you!
Love,
Grandma

Senior Dan Downes

Ashley

We are so very
proud of you!
May all your
dreams come
True!



Love,
Mom & Dad

Senior Ashley Lionberger

Kyle



Kyle,
Keep working towards
your dreams! We are
very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Nick,
and Gianna

Senior Kyle Kujawski

Nicole

You are a wonderful daughter and a great sister. We are all so very proud of you! We can not wait to see what you will accomplish next!

*Love,
Mom, Dad,
Carli, and Sam*



Senior Nicole Amodeo

Daniel



*I'll always be your
BIGGEST fan!
Papa*

Senior Dan Downes

Greg



*Dear Greg,
For all the best
that life holds for
you in your fu-
ture. We love you
so much. May all
your wishes and
dreams come true.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt, & Chris*

Senior Greg Schillo

Lauren



Lauren,

*We are so proud of all you
have accomplished. Follow your
heart- wherever it takes you. We
know you will do well in everything
you pursue.*

*We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Ryan*

Senior Lauren Gullett

TOP 11 ACADEMIC SENIORS

1 STEPHEN SHEAFER

SAMANTHA LAMANTIA **2**

3 AMANDA RATTAZZI

MEGAN BINDER **4**

4 FLORENCIA GARCIA-
VICENTE

NICHOLAS KOWALCZYK **5**

6 WESLEY WOOD

HANNAH JARANOWSKI **7**

8 DANA ANDREOLI

RYAN QUALIZZA **9**

10 ESTHER JIN

Chasity



*What an amazing young lady
you have become. My hope for
you is to dream big, live happy,
and be kind. You are loved so
very much.*

*Love always,
Mom & Dad*

~Senior Chasity Smith~

Mike



*We couldn't be more proud of you!
Wishing you all the best that life has
to offer now and always. May all
your dreams come true.*

*Love,
Dad, Mom, & Michelle
~Senior Mike Lipton~*

Rachel



*May all your dreams blossom
at IU, but may you never forget
your way home. We will miss
you immensely.*

*Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Zac,
Shadow, & Skittle*

~Senior Rachel Ignas~

Lauren

Congratulations Lou!



*You have grown into a
beautiful young woman
inside and out. We are so
proud of all your athletic and
academic accomplishments.*

*As you enter a new
chapter in your life, always
remember we love you with
all our hearts.*

*Thank you for all the
wonderful memories.
Love Mom, Dad
& Julie*



~Senior Lauren Bryner~

Matthew

*May you find success and
happiness in everything you
do. We are so proud of you!!*

*Love you forever,
Mom & Dad*



~Senior Matt Cruz~

Katherine



*Kate,
We love you and are very
proud of you. The future is
yours. Aim high, you can do
it.*

*Love,
Dad & Gram
~Senior Katherine Danno~*

Daniel



*Danny, you continue
to amaze me each and
every day. There is no
stopping you now!!*

*Love,
Mom*

Senior Dan Downes

Brandon

*We are so proud of you.
Always follow your heart
and your dreams and most
of all always DANCE!!*

We love you.

Dad, Mom, & Heather



Senior Brandon Luebecke

Amy



*Amy,
May your dreams come true.
Reach for the stars their years.
Remember that we love you
and wish you the best.*

Love,

Dad & Gram

Senior Amy Danno

Nicholas



*Nick-
May your fu-
ture be as big a
catch. We love
you and are
very proud of
you.*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Senior Nicholas Thomas

TOP 10 OPTIMIST SPIRIT SENIORS

1 CHRISTINE KVACHKOFF

MATT ZURBRIGGEN 2

3 SAMANTHA LAMANTIA

4 JEREMY SCHUMANN

JORDAN KONICKI 5

6 ERICA KUBASCIK

HOLLY MCGRAW 7

8 DANIELA TORAILO

ANDJELA TARAILO 9

10 SARAH GALLAS

Taylor



*Trust in yourself
And you will see
You're flowing with pride
Like you were born to achieve.
Outstanding you are
Reflect and Receive "Always"*

*We're proud and honored with your hard
work and tenacious attitude. Good luck at
Ball State and in everything you do!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, George, Matthew*

Senior Taylor Verbich

Kevin



*Kevin:
Congratulations!!
You have finished and
finished well. We are
very proud of the boy
you were and the man
you have become.
Stay God focused and
your life will always
be blessed. We will
always love you.*

*Jeremiah 29:11 For I
know the plans I have
for you," declares the
Lord, "plans to prosper
you and not to harm
you, plans to give you
hope and a future."*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Kendra,
& Kade*

Senior Kevin Hand

Shelby



*Shelby-
From the begin-
ning to the end
you have always
made us proud.
Your future is
bright and filled
with limitless*

possibilities. congratulations!

*Love,
Mom, Dad, & Paige*

Senior Shelby Culver

Christopher



*What pride there is in all,
you've become and all you
are yet to be!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, & Drew*

Senior Christopher Mostello

Amanda



*We are so proud of you.
You are beautiful inside and
out. We know that you will
achieve great success and hap-
piness. We love you.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, & Nicole*

Senior Amanda Halsted

Taylor



*Taylor-
We are so proud of you.
Congratulations!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, & Kendall*

Senior Taylor Luketic

Kyle

Congratulations!

You have grown into a young man of such incredible character and integrity. Continue to tackle all of life's challenges and follow your dreams. Let your will and determination guide you to success. Remember that only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

Love,

Mom, Dad, & Austin



"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a man's determination"
- Tommy Lasorda



Senior Kyle Qualizza

Milijana

Congratulations Milijana!

It seems like it was only yesterday, we were holding our miracle, baby girl. At the moment you became our "little princess". No matter what your age, you will forever be our princess. We have always felt so blessed, to have such a beautiful daughter who has turned into one amazing young woman. Keep your faith strong and continue to work hard and you will continue your dreams. Always remember, you can accomplish anything your heart desires. You've been blessed with the traits needed to succeed in life. Good luck at Purdue! Keep smiling!

Love Mama, Tata, & Milan



Senior Milijana Trisic

Sammy



Sammy,
We are very blessed to have such a wonderful daughter. We're proud of you and wish you the best at IU!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Senior Sammy Maglish

Chelsea



Chelsea,
Good luck in college and in the future.

Love,
Dad & Kathy

Senior Chelsea Carter

TOP 10 SONGS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

I'M YOURS-
JASON MARAZ

POKER FACE-
LADY GAGA

2

3 LOVE STORY-
TAYLOR SWIFT

RIGHT ROUND-
FLO RIDA'

5 HOT N' COLD-
KATY PERRY

HEARTLESS-
KANYE WEST

7 SHOOTING STAR-
LMFAO

SINGLE LADIES-
BEYONCE

9 BLAME IT-
JAMIE FOXX

ALL AMERICAN
REJECTS-
GIVES YOU

Kelsey



We are very proud of everything that you have accomplished and been through to become the beautiful, young lady that you are. We wish you nothing but success in the future. We both love our little sister very much.

Love,

Kendra & Katlyn

Senior Kelsey Rather

Rebecca



Donde
esta me
wabbit??
I love you
so much,

mega infinity

+ 1.

Dre

Senior Rebecca Schweitzer

Nathaniel



Always
reach for
the stars.

We love

you very much!

Love,

Mom & Dad

Senior Nathaniel Akers

Trisha



Best of luck to you
now and in the future.
We are so proud of
you.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad,

Senior Trisha Fontanyi

Nick



From the time you were little,
you always "dressed" for suc-
cess. May you succeed in life's
greatest journey.

We are so proud of you!
All our love,
Mom & Dad

Senior Nick Bruno

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Tyler,

As you find your way in these times of uncertainty, life will give you many choices; it's up to you to make the right ones. But know that dad and I will always be there for you. I know you will be successful regardless of what you decide; you have always been wise beyond your years and compassionate toward others. I can't wait to see what God has in store for you! Whatever it is, I know it will be AWESOME! As you begin your journey, always remember to reach high, challenge yourself, and never settle for 2nd best! We love you and are proud of you!

XOXO,

Mom & Dad

Senior Tyler Bowdish



Michael

Michael-

You have grown into such a strong, confident, and loyal young man. We are so proud of you. As you begin your next journey, always know that we are here for whatever you need.

We love you.

Mom & Dad

Senior Michael Spasoff



Simone

"You must not let your life run in the ordinary way. Do something that nobody else has done. Something that will dazzle the world."

Simone- I love you and I am so proud of you!

Mama



Senior Simone Favor

TOP 10 PLACES TO BE

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- 3 THE SQUARE
- 4 VOLTAGE DANCE CLUB
- 5 STARBUCKS
- 6 SOUTHLAKE MALL
- 7 THE COFFEE CUP
- 8 COLDSTONE CREAMERY
- 9 HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS
- 10 SPORTING EVENTS

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Tommy



Thomas Charles Earl Davidson

*Dear son as you begin your future
know that we are proud of you and
love you.*

*love,
Mom & Dad*

Senior Thomas Davidson

Clare

*Waiting for the bus
on her first day of
school. It was a
great ride!*

We Love You!

Mom, Tat, Niki



Senior Clare Grubnich

Maggie



*Maggie,
Oh, the places you will go!
We are so very proud of
you!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, & Kate*

Senior Maggie Schwuchow

Liz



*Liz-
Congratulations
on all that you
have done. Thank
you for being an
amazing big sister
and inspiration.
I know you will*

*succeed in whatever you set your
mind to. Have fun at Purdue next
year!*

*Love,
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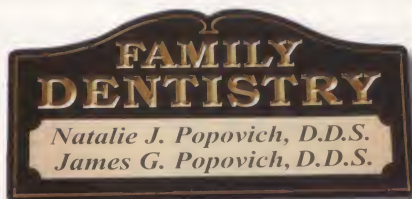
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Anny



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Count Your Blessings

Use Your Gifts

Never Stop Smiling or Remembering "Whose" You Are! (Acts 20:24)

You'll Never Know, Dear, How Much We Love You!

Mom & Dad, Nicci, Kate, Danno, Luke.

~Senior Anny Lambert~

Evan

Evan,

*Trials keep you Strong, Failures
keep you Humble, Success keeps you
Growing.....*

With Love,

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Love,

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~Senior Melinda Stelter~



Jake



*Be Successful
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Steve Muenstermann	#87	Maggie Muenstermann
Evan Nikrin	#30	Eileen Nikrin
Danny Osojnicki	#7	Lisa Osojnicki
Kyle Qualizza	#17	Patty Qualizza
Greg Schillo	#32	Helen Schillo
Marcus Schrewsbury	#10	Jamie Calanca



*Love Your
Moms*

Rachel



Diamond

Congratulations, we are all so very proud of you. This next chapter in life offers you great success. Apply yourself, stay focused, and you will succeed. Remember to be true to yourself and keep God in your life. We wish you a world of endless beauty, grace, and great adventure... Just like you.

Love you always,
Mom & Dad

Senior Rachel Olson

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COMPANY
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- 9 TAPOUT
- 10 AEROPOSTALE

Leanna




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2009

May All Your Dreams Become
Reality. We Are So Proud!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Cally, and Joanna

Senior Leanna Linaris

Amber



Congratulations, Brat!
We are so proud of you and love
you very much!
P.S. When are you movin out. ☺
Love,
Dad, Mom, And Katie



Senior Amber VanCuren

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Amanda

We are so proud of you. Just remember
when you come up to a challenge, "Easy
is over rated." Make your dreams come
true!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Samantha,
Grandma, and Grandpa.

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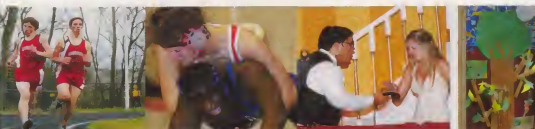
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Bright Lights Big City

Hearts pounded, cameras flashed, and memories were made to last a lifetime. Prom night was planned for many months in advance, had high expectations, and brought fantasy and reality together, even if it was just for a few hours on a Saturday night.

After four years, prom was the seniors last chance at a school run dance. "As a senior it's sort of the last big thing you get to do with your classmates," senior Chasity Smith said.

Preparations went as usual; girls went to get their hair and nails done. Boys rented their tuxedos as well as a limousine. And some students went through a few different preparations for the big dance. "I took an extra long shower and finished by ironing everything from socks to underwear," senior Pascal Johnson said.

Prom wasn't the only time smiles were worn excessively. Pre-dance magic also left students with a mindful of memories and hearts full of laughs.

Nerves were also an issue and some tried new things to make sure the night would be remembered. "Maybe I would go tanning or get a wax, I don't usually do that either," senior Matt Dziecdolowski said.

Although every girl hopes that when she and her date step onto the dance floor they do not find someone else with their same dress. Many couples believe it is better to match each other rather than match every other person at the same event. "The couple should match because it looks better and more formal," Dziecdolowski said.

Matching colors or matching smiles, prom was a night to be remembered forever. Not only was it the last chance for seniors to attend a school dance before going off in their separate ways, it was a time that was spent laughing at cheesy jokes and smiling until your cheeks hurt and your face went numb.

Margie Noto & Mal Ross



andrew budgin

The night that was planned for months in advance was built up to be amazing. But it was that one moment that made it perfect. PHOTO BY S.WHITE

How were you asked to Prom?



Kyle Amodeo

"I was surprised by setting fireworks up in my driveway and had a sign saying Prom."

I was very surprised

and I just ran up and hugged him. It was so sweet!



Mabe Schwuchow

"My boyfriend tied tulips to the hand rails going up the stairs to my locker and in the inside of my locker he

taped a letter asking me to Prom along with more flowers. I was so excited I ran to him and gave him a hug and said yes."



Jamie Teske

"I was so shocked, my sister gave me the Easter egg and I screamed yes! He was by far the best date I

had. My favorite part of the dance was the dancing; the music was really great."



Samantha Fisher

"I was so surprised when Robbie asked me and I was definitely excited to go with him."

The best part was when we got to the dance, that was so much fun! I had a great time with him and I'm glad I said yes."



chuck noonan

Prom was a night for memories and moments that stuck in our minds forever. Of course it wasn't just the perfect dress or matching with your date. It was about dancing on your school security guard.

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ryan ternes

Ryan Ternes (10) walks date Nikkole Stagowski (12) down. Stagowski had asked Ternes through via text message. "Prom was memorable because I'm getting to be a part of my date's senior year and making it very special." PHOTO BY J ZARATE



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Students reach for black, silver and white balloons while having a great time dancing with their friends. "My favorite part of the dance was the photobooth and dancing the entire time with my date," junior Bethany Komaskinski said. PHOTO BY S.WHITE



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Prom, the night that brought out the hidden smiles and sparked up the butterflies all over again. The "Big City, Bright Lights" theme wasn't the only thing that lit up the dance-floor. Dancing with friends was memorable but faces glowed when the music slowed down. PHOTO BY S.WHITE

Grads Going get

Lines of parents, relatives, and family friends waited anxiously outside the Star Plaza. Many people who drove by probably assumed that the hotel was hosting one of its many productions or musical events. But, if one walked through the doors and onto the stage area, they would have seen the six C banners hanging proudly in the background and the white and red caps and gowns of the graduates, who waited patiently to walk across the stage.

"I thought the ceremony was really nice and a great way to end this chapter of my life," Elizabeth Fleszewski said. "Graduation was a big deal and now I'm excited for college," she said.

Changes from previous years were made to the ceremony and students also helped personalize this graduation even more. Such changes included the choir singing with the renowned orchestra and a new memorables speech

given by Superintendent Dr. Eineman. "I thought it was cool how she told us about her childhood and tried to relate to us," Amanda Kollak said. She also used live rats in her speech.

After the speeches were made, one-by-one, the graduating seniors walked across the stage to receive their long-awaited, earned diplomas.

The final addition to the ceremony was the finale of a slideshow composed of pictures of the students during their years in high school. While the images were projected on a screen, the choir sang the song "Time for Me to Fly" while the orchestra accompanied them.

"The screen with all the memorable photographs throughout my classes of high school was the perfect way to end graduation. That moment was when it finally hit me that I was finished with high school forever," Milijana Trisic said.

-Sammy Vercellino & Jen Zarate

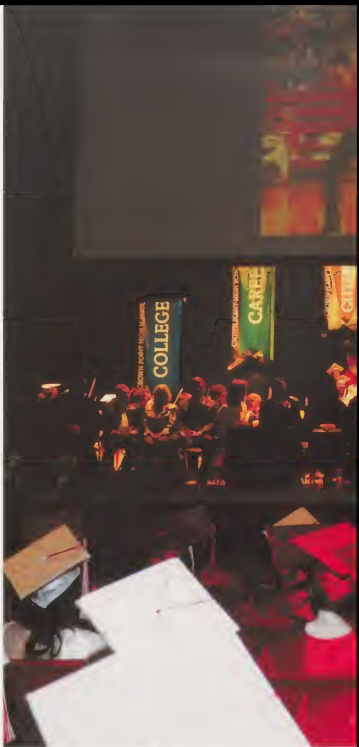
moving ahead

Left Top: Senior members of the choir performed as a new act in the ceremony.

They started the with the National Anthem and closed with "Time for Me to Fly." "I sang with the choir because it was a big orchestra and a small choir," director Joanne Haley-Borodine said.

"We made the decision at 4:30 p.m. after running through the song many times." *PHOTO BY L. TITAK. Left Bottom:* As being leaders of the class, Kyle Land, Stephen Sheaffer, Samantha LaMantia, and Kristina Budgin each had to give a speech during the ceremony. *PHOTO BY J. ZARATE*

Right: As a part of her speech, Superintendent Dr. Eineman held a cage of live rats to symbolize the qualities carried by a graduate and to go through life not afraid with the word R.A.T.S.





final presentation

Capping off the graduation ceremony, the seniors were presented a slideshow with pictures from all four years at the high school along with a musical performance by the choir and orchestra combined.

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davidparks

"Graduation was fun because it capped off a pretty stellar year," Parks said. He hugged administrator Patti Wolter as he walked across the stage. PHOTO BY J. ZARATE

robertthorman

"I think he was really excited about graduation. He never missed a day of school. He simply loved everybody," Special Needs teacher Brandon Lorek said. PHOTO BY J. ZARATE



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Awaiting their name to be called, seniors remember some of their finer high school moments. "I only spent two years at Crown Point and I had the best times there," Sarah Bolz said. "Meeting all the new people, peer tutoring, and prom was my favorite part of it all." PHOTO BY L. TITAK

moving on: future plans for graduates



"One size fits all hats don't fit my hair," Jakob Ealy said. "I tied my tassle to my afro pick and stuck it

in my hair that way since I couldn't wear the whole hat. Besides my hat problem, the ceremony went well. The faculty and students gave us good advice for the future." Ealy will be attending Valparaiso University to study cartooning.



"My favorite part of the ceremony was walking across the stage and hearing the people cheer for me as I received my

diploma. Also, getting the diploma meant I was finally done with high school and could move on," Kelsey Rather said. Rather will be attending Purdue University in West Lafayette to study Health Sciences to become an occupational therapist.



"The ceremony was nice and the speeches went well. I liked seeing all of my friends for the

last time. In the end, the whole graduation ceremony went better than I had ever expected," Jordan Lowry said. Lowry will be attending Purdue University in West Lafayette for hospitality management.



HOLLY SCHOENBECK (10): After having her name called out over the speakers, sophomore Holly A. Schoenbeck rose to take her walk of glory to her new Chevrolet Cobalt. Holly recieved seven tickets from the Ticket to Ride program that was created to encourage students to work hard towards their choice of studies. Schoenbeck said, "I'm super excited. It didn't really click when they called my name." PHOTO BY A. PARRISH

Portrait of a bulldog



With the year having come to a long-awaited end, there was a promise to be carried out. The much anticipated, Ticket to Ride drawing for the car from over

10,000 tickets accumulated from students earning tickets by honor roll, attendance, community service, and participation in school athletics or organizations. Mr. Lambersie called out the middle initial "A" and the stands were silent. Then, he blared sophomore Holly A. Schoenbeck's name over the speakers as the winner of the new 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt graciously donated by Carroll Chevrolet and Art Hill Ford Lincoln Mercury Mazda.

Also, throughout the year students earned many accomplishments recognized statewide. Four wrestlers went to state individually and earned the state champ title. Lance Lamere made the Indiana All-Star Team. Academics held a large spot in the success this year. Academic Decathlon took third at state. Orchestra students earned more than forty gold medals at state. The Academic Superbowl team earned second at state in science and social studies. With extreme philanthropic efforts, Student Council helped students raise over \$23,000 towards cancer research for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Tom May was inducted into the Girls' Basketball Coaching Hall of Fame. Mr. May, his wife Mrs. Nancy May, and Mrs. Diane Noble were all recognized as the retirees at the graduation ceremony.

Portrait of a bulldog



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TICKET TO RIDE ASSEMBLY:

Top: A member from each grade drags a football dummy from the Courage station to the Career station. The top six ticket earning students participated in the 6 C's Relay Race. *Right:* Four students on the Robodogs team use a small canon to shoot out t-shirts to the students in the crowd. *Far Right:* Students in the junior class reach in the hopes of catching a shirt shot in the air. The junior class won the relay race.



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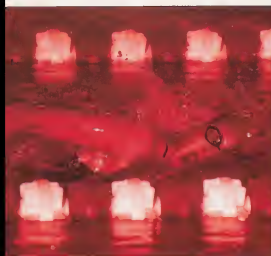
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